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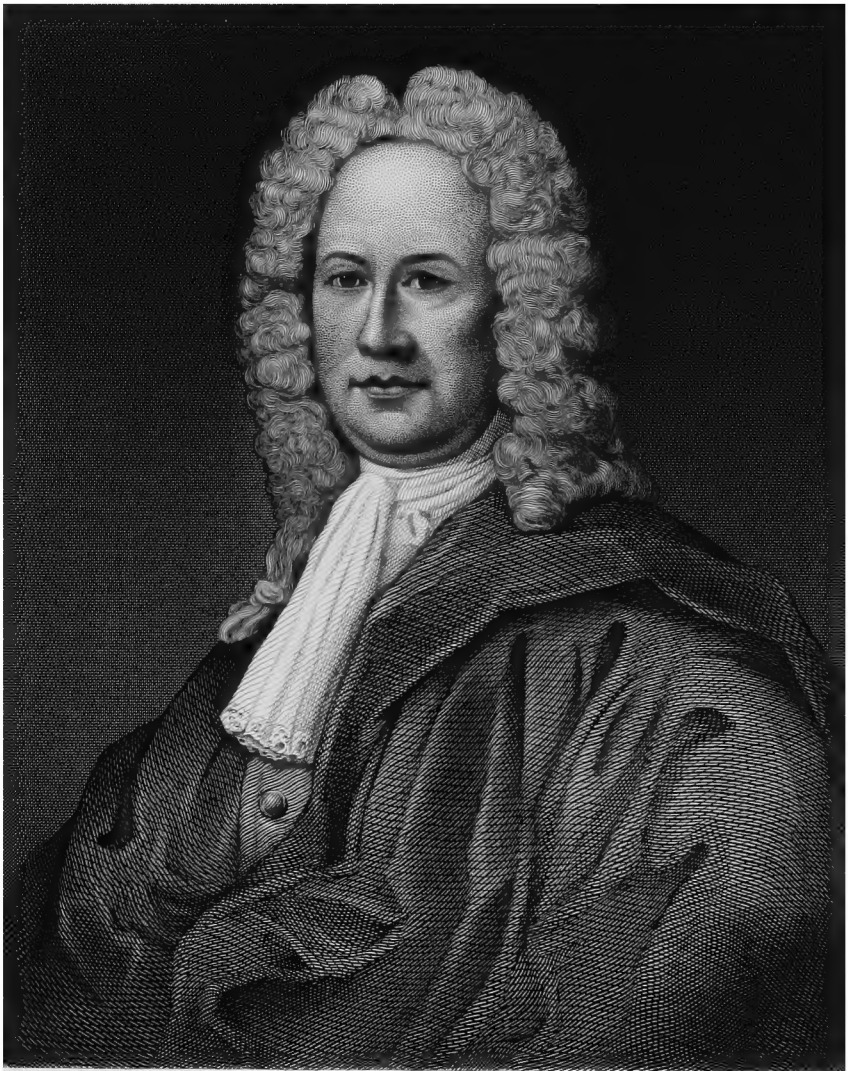

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FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE FREEMASONS OF NEW JERSEY

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THE

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

Free and Accepted Masons,

ACCORDING TO THE OLD INSTITUTION IN

PENNSYLVANIA

And the Adjacent Districts of America therewith united in Masonic Jurisdiction.

ITS EARLY HISTORY AND CONSTITUTIONS,

From A. L. 5730, A. D. 1730,

ITS MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

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PROCEEDINGS

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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

INTRODUCTION.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held December 3d, 1873, the following named brethren, viz.: Charles E. Meyer, M. Richards Mucklé, John Hanold, Augustus R. Hall, Rev. Robert H. Pattison, D.D., William H. Egle, M.D., and Sidney Hayden, composing the Library Committee, were authorized to publish, by subscription, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the earliest date, provided the Grand Lodge be at no expense therefor.

In accordance with the foregoing authority the present committee submit to the Masonic Fraternity the following records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A work of this character cannot be said to be complete without at least a brief history of the early origin of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction, inasmuch as Philadelphia is now acknowledged to be the *premier* Masonic city of America.

In this city was for the first time published in America the first reprint, by Benjamin Franklin, in 1733–34, of Anderson's 1723 Constitution; as also the first reprint of Dermott's Ahiman Rezon, revised by William Smith, and published by the Grand Lodge in 1782–83.

In order to make the history complete we present to the Masons

of Pennsylvania the published records of the craft as found in the newspapers of the day; brief extracts from the Book of Minutes of Lodge No. 3, in this city, and such other evidences as we can procure and substantiate as to the existence of Freemasonry in this province as early as 1730—three years earlier than in any other section of this country.

We also present entire (with the exception of a letter of John Locke, and the songs) Smith's Ahiman Rezon of 1783, dedicated to Bro. George Washington. The copy from which we extract was used by the Committee to revise the Constitution in 1813, and we have thought it best to incorporate, in the reprint thereof, the views of the Committee appointed at that time upon the several articles then under consideration. Thus plainly showing the great changes wrought in the minds of the leaders of the Fraternity which induced them to adopt in 1825, in lieu of the Dermott Ahiman Rezon, the Constitution of Anderson of 1723. The former was the Constitution of the Ancients, the latter being that of the Moderns.

For a correct understanding of the condition of Masonry here it will be necessary to explain briefly the claims of the four rival Grand Lodges in England during the last century.

Prior to the year 1717 the Freemasons, whenever a sufficient number could be congregated, were in the habit of assembling and with the consent of the proper officer of the government, of opening a Lodge of Masons. More particularly were they in the habit of meeting, annually, in the city of York.

In 1717 a number of old brethren met in London and formed the first GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, and elected their Grand Officers. This Grand Lodge still continues, having united with the third Grand Lodge in 1813. It was commonly known as "The Moderns," a title given them by their rivals. They adopted Anderson's Constitution for their government.

In 1725 a Grand Lodge was formed at the city of York, which was known as the GRAND LODGE OF ALL ENGLAND. This Grand Lodge collapsed about 1792. Of this Grand Lodge Hughan says, in his Masonic Memorials, page 11, "Though the Grand Lodge of *all* England (York) never countenanced the seceders,* the latter frequently were called *York Masons*, and have

* The third Grand Lodge or that of the "Grand Lodge of England according to the old institutions," known as the "Ancients."

continued to be so described by many in consequence. The only justification offered by Dermott in his Book of Constitutions (Ahiman Rezon, 1756, and subsequent editions) for such a title is that the 'Ancients' were called 'York Masons,' because the first Grand Lodge in England was congregated at York, A.D. 926, by Prince Edwin, who (at the same time) purchased a free charter from King Athelstane for the use of the fraternity." Several Grand Lodges in the United States (in their capacity first of all as *Provincial Grand Lodges*), acknowledged the Seceders as the Conservators of the "Ancient Landmarks," and to this day there are still some of their members who boast of being the descendants of the "York Masons of England," simply because of their original institution (or confirmation) by that body. The Grand Lodge at *York* never issued any warrants or constituted lodges *out of this country.*"*

In 1753 a Grand Lodge was formed by a number of brethren who had seceded from the Grand Lodge of England about 1738. They styled the new Grand Lodge the GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND ACCORDING TO THE OLD INSTITUTIONS (or Constitutions).

They were known as the "Grand Lodge of Four Degrees," on account of having incorporated the Royal Arch Degree into their system. They were, however, better known as the "Ancients," a self-assumed title in contradistinction to their rivals, whom they styled "Moderns." They at first called themselves "Ancient York," under the impression that the Grand Lodge of all England (York) had ceased to exist. On learning their mistake they dropped the word "York." They were also known as the "Seceders," and were the second party to the union of 1813; they adopted the Ahiman Rezon, by Dermott, as their Constitution.

About 1780, on account of trouble between the Grand Lodge of England and the Lodge of Antiquity, a fourth Grand Lodge was formed, styled THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND SOUTH OF THE TRENT, which existed but a very short period.

As a matter of interest we present a list of Grand Masters, etc., of the Grand Lodges of England, from 1717. (See pages vi and vii.)

The Masonic history of this country is connected with the first and third Grand Lodges of England, viz.: Grand Lodge of England (Moderns); the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions (Ancients).

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* England.

(*From Hughan's "Masonic Memorials of the Union of* 1813.")

GRAND MASTERS FROM A.D. 1717.

"MODERNS."

1717.	Anthony Sayer.*
1718.	George Payne.
1719.	J. T. Desaguliers, LL.D., F.R.S.
1720.	George Payne (re-elected).
1721.	Duke of Montague.
1722.	Duke of Wharton.
1723.	Earl of Dalkieth.
1724.	Duke of Richmond.
1725.	Lord Paisley.
1726.	Earl of Inchiquin.
1727.	Lord Coleraine.
1728.	Lord Kingston.
1729–30.	Duke of Norfolk.
1731.	Lord Lovel (Earl of Leicester).
1732.	Lord (Viscount) Montague.
1733.	Earl of Strathmore.
1734.	Earl of Crawford.
1735.	Lord (Viscount) Weymouth.
1736.	Earl of London.
1737.	Earl of Darnley.
1738.	Marquess of Carnarvon.
1739.	Lord Raymond.
1740.	Earl of Kintore.
1741.	Earl of Morton.
1742–3.	Lord (Viscount) Dudley and Ward.
1744.	Earl of Strathmore.
1745–6.	Lord Cranstoun.
1745–51.	Lord Byron.
1752–3.	Lord Carysfort.
1754–6.	Marquess of Carnarvon (Duke of Chandos).
1757–61.	Lord Aberdour.
1762–3.	Earl Ferrers.
1764–6.	Lord Blaney.
1767–71.	Duke of Beaufort.
1772–76.	Lord Petre.
1777–81.	Duke of Manchester.
1782–90.	H. R. H. Duke of Cumberland.
1791–1812.	H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (*His Majesty George IV*).
1813.	H. R. H. Duke of Sussex.

"YORK MASONS."

NOTE.—The earliest roll of Masons preserved of the ancient Lodge held at York commences 1705, when Sir George Tempest was "the chief officer;" and down to the year of 1724 the chairman was either styled Master or President, in which capacity Lord Ringly, Sir William Robinson, Bart., Sir Walter Hawkesworth and others served the Lodge, but it was not until 1725 that the members constituted themselves into the "Grand Lodge of all England, held at York," at which date the list of their Grand Masters begins.

1725.	Charles Bathurst.
1729.	Edward Thompson, jun.
1733.	John Johnson, M.D.
1734.	John Marsden.
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1761–2.	Francis Drake, F.R.S.
1763–4.	John Sawry Morritt.
1765–6.	John Palmer.
1767.	Seth Agar.
1768–70.	George Palmer.
1771–2.	Sir Thomas Gascoigne, Bart.
1773.	Charles Chaloner.
1774–5.	Henry Stapleton.
1776–79.	William Siddall.
1780.	Francis Smyth.
1781.	Robert Sinclair.
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1792.	Edward Wolley.

Grand Lodge collapsed.

"ANCIENTS" (or *Seceders*).

1753.	Robert Turner.
1754–5.	Edward Vaughan.
1756–59.	Earl of Blessington.
1760–65.	Earl of Kelly.
1766–70.	The Hon. Thomas Matthew.
1771–4.	John, 3d Duke of Atholl.†
1775–81.	John, 4th Duke of Atholl.
1782–90.	Earl of Antrim (Marquess of Antrim).‡
1791–1813.	John, 4th Duke of Atholl.
1813.	H. R. H. Duke of Kent.

* *First* Grand Master of Freemasons.

† Died Nov. 1774.

‡ Grand Master of Ireland, 1773–9.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

1813–42. H. R. H. Duke of Sussex, K. G.
1843–69. Earl of Zetland, K. T.
1870–74. Marquess of Ripon, K. G.
1874– H. R. H., the PRINCE OF WALES.

GRAND SECRETARIES FROM A. D. 1723.*

"MODERNS."

1723. William Cowper.
No such officer mentioned in the Records before June 24th, 1723.
1727. Edward Wilson.
1727–33. William Reid.
1734–56. John Revis.
1757–67. Samuel Spencer.
1768. Thomas French.
1769–80. James Heseltine.
1780–84. James Heseltine. / William White.
1784–1809. William White.
1810–12. William White. / William Henry White.
1813. William Henry White.

"YORK MASONS."

1761. John Tasker.
1767. David Lambert.
1775. George Atkinson.
1776. Jacob Busey.
1779. John Browne.
1786. William Blanchard.

"ANCIENTS."

1751. John Morgan.
1752–70. Laurence Dermott.
1771–76. William Dickey.
1777–8. James Jones.
1779–82. Charles Bearblock.
1783–4. Robert Leslie.
1785–89. John McCormick.
1790–1813. Robert Leslie.

(*From the "Union of* 1813.")

1813–38. William White. / Edwards Harper.
1839–56. William Henry White.
1857–68. William Gray Clarke.
1868– John Hervey.

Freemasonry was introduced into America about 1730, when DANIEL COXE and *several other brethren*, residing in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, applied to the Duke of Norfolk, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who was pleased to grant a Deputation to open a Provincial Grand Lodge in those provinces.

In 1733, HENRY PRICE, of Boston, *on behalf* of himself and several other brethren, applied to Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, for a warrant, who granted the request, and issued a deputation.

As the honor of having first introduced Masonry in this country is divided between these two Provincial Grand Masters, Coxe in

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* The List of Grand Secretaries, under the Grand Lodge of *all* England from 1725 to 1792 we have not yet completed.

1730 and Price in 1733, we give side by side copies of their deputations, and ask a careful perusal of the same.

The copy of the deputation to Daniel Coxe is certified to be correct by the Grand Secretary of England, and is copied from the original records on file in his office. The Price deputation is presumed to be authentic, and is taken from the proceedings of 1871 of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Copy of the Deputation to Daniel Cox, Esquire, to be Provincial Grand Master of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, in America.

Sic Subscribitur.

[L.S.] NORFOLK, *G.·.M.·.*

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and loving Brethren now residing or who may hereafter reside in the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, His Grace, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Hereditary Marshal of England, Earl of Arundel, Surrey, Norfolk and Norwich, Baron Mowbray, Howard Segrave, Brewse of Gower, Fitz Allan, Warren, Clan Oswald, estre Maltravers, Greystock, Furnival Verdon, Lovelot, Strango of Blackmere, and Howard of Castle Rising, after the Princes of the Royal Blood, first Duke Earl and Baron of England, Chief of the illustrious family of the Howards, Grand Master of the free and accepted Masons of England, *Sendeth Greeting:*

Whereas application has been made unto us by our Rt. Worshipful and well beloved Brother, Daniel Cox, of New Jersey, Esqr., and by several other Brethren, free and accepted Masons, residing and about to reside in the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, that we would be pleased to nominate and appoint a Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces:

Now Know Ye, that we have nominated, ordained, constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents nominate, ordain, constitute and appoint, our Right Worshipful and well beloved Brother, the said Daniel Cox, Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania, with full Power and Authority to nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for

Copy of Deputation to Henry Price.

MONTAGUE, [L.S.] G.M.

To all and every Our Rt Worshl Worshipful and Loving Brethren now Residing or who may hereafter Reside in New England,

The Rt Honble and Rt Worshl Anthony Lord Viscount Montague Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England, *Sendeth Greeting:*

Whereas Application has been made unto us by Our Rt Worshl and well Beloved Bro. Mr. *Henry Price* in behalf of himself and several other Brethren now Residing in New England aforesaid Free and Accepted Masons, that We would be pleas'd to Nominate and Appoint a Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in N. England aforesaid.

Now Know Ye That we have Nominated, Ordained, Constituted and appointed and do by these Presents Nominate, Ordain, Constitute and appoint Our said Worshl and well Beloved Bro. Mr. Henry Price, Provincial Grand Master of New England aforesaid and Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging with full power and authority to Nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

the space of two years from the feast of St. John the Baptist now next ensuing, after which time it is our Will and Pleasure, and we do hereby ordain that the Brethren who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said Provinces shall and they are hereby empowered every other year on the feast of St. John the Baptist to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating and appointing his Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

And we do hereby empower our said Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being, for us and in our place and stead to constitute the Brethren (free and accepted Masons) now residing or who shall hereafter reside in those parts into one or more regular Lodge or L dges, as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require.

He, the said Daniel Cox, and the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens for the time being taking special care that all and every member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be constituted have or shall be made regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations contained in the printed Book of Constitutions, except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Meetings, to be kept and observed, and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be transmitted to him or them by us, or Nath'l Blackerly, Esqr., our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being, and that he, the said Daniel Cox, our Provincial Grand Master of the said Provinces, and the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, or his Deputy, do send to us or our Deputy Grand Master, and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being, annually an account in writing of the number of Lodges so constituted, with the names of the several members of each particular Lodge, together with such other matters and things as he or they shall think fit to be communicated for the prosperity of the Craft.

And lastly, we will and require that our said Provincial Grand Master for the time being or his Deputy, do annually cause the Brethren to keep the feast of St. John the Evangelist, and dine together

And we do also hereby Impower the said Mr. Henry Price for us and in Our place and Stead, to Constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now Residing or shall hereafter reside in those parts, into One or more Regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, and as often as Occasion shall require.

He the said Mr. Henry Price, taking especial care that all and every Member of any Lodge or Lodges so to be Constituted have been or shall be made Regular Masons, and that they do cause all and every the Regulations Contain'd in the Printed Book of Constitutions (except so far as they have been altered by the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly meetings) to be kept and Observ'd, and also all such other Rules and Instructions as shall from time to time be Transmitted to him by us or by Thomas Batson Esq Our Deputy Grand Master, or the Grand Master or his Deputy for the time being, and that He the said Mr. Henry Price or his Deputy do send to us or Our Deputy Grand Master and to the Grand Master of England or his Deputy for the time being Annually, an Acct in Writing of the number of Lodges so Constituted with the Names of the several Members of each Particular Lodge, together with such other Matters & things as he or they shall think fit to Communicate for the Prosperity of the Craft.

And Lastly we Will and Require that our said Provincial Grand Master of New England do Annually cause the Brethren to keep the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, and Dine together on

on that day, or (in case any accident should happen to prevent their dining together on that day) on any other day near that time, as the Provincial Grand Master for the time being shall judge most fit, as is done here, and at that time more particularly and at all Quarterly Communications he do recommend a General Charity to be established for the Relief of poor Brethren of the said Province.

Given under our hand and seal of office at London, this fifth day of June, 1730, and of Masonry 5730.

True Copy:

WM. GRAY CLARKE, *G.S.*

Free Masons' Hall, London, April 10, 1863.

that Day, or (in case any Accident should happen to prevent their Dining together on that Day) on any other day near that time as he shall judge most fit as is done here and that at all Quarterly Communications, he do recommend a General Charity to be Establish'd for the Relief of Poor Brethren in these parts.

Given under our Hand and Seal of Office at London the Thirtieth Day of April 1733, & of Masonry 5733.

By the Grand Master's Command

THOS. BATSON, *D.M.G.*
G. ROOKE, *S.G. W.*
J. SMYTHE, *J.G. W.*

It will be observed that the Coxe deputation presents undeniable evidence that there were lawful brethren residing in this State who were recognized as regular, and could therefore not be clandestine or spurious, this deputation granted almost unlimited powers, a power to elect the officers and continue the Grand Lodge, without any further correspondence with the Grand Masters and Grand Lodge of England, whilst Price's contained no such authority.

That Coxe* acted under this deputation there can be no doubt.

A letter was written in 1754 by Henry Bell,† at that time residing in Lancaster, to Dr. Thomas Cadwallader,‡ of Philadelphia, stating the fact of the formation of a Lodge, under Daniel Coxe, in 1730, in Philadelphia.

We have endeavored to obtain this letter to make a *fac simile* of, but have failed up to the present time. We are still in hopes of succeeding. The letter was exhibited in 1872, in the Grand Secretary's Office, Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, and then and there copied. It bore all the marks of being genuine, and we have no doubt of its being correct. We, at the present time, under the circumstances, place only so much value on it as far as it is corroborated by other facts.

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* Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, January 29th, 1731, and was greeted as the Provincial Grand Master of North America.

† Henry Bell's name is on the Tax Lists of Derry Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, for the years 1750 to 1759.

‡ Thomas Cadwallader, M.D., an eminent physician, son of John Cadwallader, was born in 1707, in Philadelphia. Died November 14th, 1779, aged 72 years.

We give a copy, made in 1872, of the letter dated Nov. 17, 1754:

"As you well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Tun Tavern, in Water street, and sometimes opened a Lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it, we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."

Among the newspapers in the Philadelphia Library, founded by Benjamin Franklin, there is to be found the first printed evidence at present known of the existence of Freemasonry in America. At the head of the first column of the first page of the "*Pennsylvania Gazette, No.* 108, *December* 8, 1730, printed by *Benjamin Franklin*," will be found the following notice:

"As there are several Lodges of FREEMASONS erected in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry, from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers."

Then follows an account of the death of a gentleman in London, upon the examination of whose effects there was found secreted in a writing-desk the so-called mysteries of Freemasonry.

By referring to the Coxe deputation it will be noticed that his term of office extended for two years from the 24th of June, 1730, when a new Grand Master was to be elected, and Deputy Grand Master and Wardens appointed.

In strict accordance with this, corroborative proof of action taken under the Coxe deputation can be found in the following notice from the "*Pennsylvania Gazette, No.* 187, *from Monday, June* 19, *to Monday, June* 26, 1732. *Philadelphia, printed by B. Franklin, at the new printing-office, near the market.*"

This newspaper contains four pages. On the fourth page, near the middle of the first column, we read:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 26.

"Saturday last being St. John's day, a Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable Society of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS was held at the Sun* Tavern in Water street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously

* Misprint; should be "Tun."

chosen *Grand Master* of this Province for the year ensuing, who was pleased to appoint *Mr. William Pringle* Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were *Thomas Boude* and *Benjamin Franklin.*"

This all prior to the date of the Price deputation.

Philadelphia at that time being the principal city of this country, who can doubt that some of the brethren of Boston received their Masonic light from this Grand Lodge, established by Grand Master Coxe, in 1730?

About 1734 Benjamin Franklin reprinted Anderson's Constitution of 1723. This he would not have done if there had not been a considerable number of members here. It was natural that having published the work he was anxious to sell all the copies he could. He accordingly, at the request of his Lodge, wrote to Price, congratulating Price on his appointment as Grand Master over all America, asking recognition or confirmation from him of the privileges they then enjoyed of electing their Grand Master, telling him plainly that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania would only yield his chair to the Grand Master of America when in place, and asking for a copy of the deputation duly attested, and closed by saying in a P. S., "If more of the constitutions are wanted among you, please hint it to me." The following are

*Copies of Letters written by Benjamin Franklin to Henry Price.**

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND MOST WORTHY AND DEAR BRETHREN,—We acknowledge your favor of the 23d of October past, and rejoice that the Grand Master (whom God bless) hath so happily recovered from his late indisposition: and we now, glass in hand, drink to the establishment of his health, and the prosperity of your whole Lodge.

We have seen in the Boston prints an article of news from London, importing that at a Grand Lodge held there in August last, Mr. Price's deputation and power was extended over all America, which advice we hope is true, and we heartily congratulate him thereupon, and though this has not been as yet regularly signified to us by you, yet, giving credit thereto, we think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province (which seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home, to give the proceedings and determinations of our Lodge their due

* We print these letters on the guarantee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of their being genuine. See their Proceedings of 1871.

weight) to wit, a Deputation or Charity granted by the Right Worshipful Mr. Price, by virtue of his commission from Britain, confirming the Brethren of Pennsylvania in the privileges they at present enjoy of holding annually their Grand Lodge, choosing their Grand Master, Wardens and other officers, who may manage all affairs relating to the Brethren here with full power and authority, according to the customs and usages of Masons, the said Grand Master of Pennsylvania only yielding his chair, when the Grand Master of all America shall be in place. This, if it seem good and reasonable to you to grant, will not only be extremely agreeable to us, but will also, we are confident, conduce much to the welfare, establishment, and reputation of Masonry in these parts. We therefore submit it for your consideration, and, as we hope our request will be complied with, we desire that it may be done as soon as possible, and also accompanied with a copy of the R.W. Grand Master's first Deputation, and of the instrument by which it appears to be enlarged as above mentioned, witnessed by your Wardens, and signed by the Secretary; for which favors this Lodge doubt not of being able to behave as not to be thought ungrateful.

We are, Right Worshipful Grand Master and Most Worthy Brethren,

Your Affectionate Brethren and obliged humble Servts,

Signed at the request of the Lodge, B. FRANKLIN, *G.M.*

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28, 1734.

DEAR BROTHER PRICE,—I am glad to hear of your recovery. I hoped to have seen you here this fall, agreeable to the expectation you were so good as to give me; but since sickness has prevented your coming while the weather was moderate, I have no room to flatter myself with a visit from you before the Spring, when a deputation of the Brethren here will have an opportunity of showing how much they esteem you. I beg leave to recommend their request to you, and to inform you, that some false and rebel Brethren, who are foreigners, being about to set up a distinct Lodge in opposition to the old and true Brethren here, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch, and the Craft is like to come into disesteem among us unless the true Brethren are countenanced and distinguished by some such special authority as herein desired. I entreat, therefore, that whatever you shall think proper to do therein may be sent by the next post, if possible, or the next following.

I am, Your Affectionate Brother & humb Servt,

B. FRANKLIN, *G.M.*

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28, 1734. *Pennsylvania.*

P. S.—If more of the Constitutions are wanted among you, please hint it to me.

[Address upon said letters:]

"To Mr. Henry Price
"At the Brazen Head
"Boston
"N. E."

We are under obligations to W. Bro. Hughan for his continued kind assistance to the Grand Lodge Library Committee, in bringing to light many important matters relating to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. In an article written to the "Voice of Masonry," of Chicago, September, 1875, he presents an article of great value to the craft, which we, with pleasure, reproduce.

1. Few, if any, have done more to elucidate the subject, and unravel the intricacies which have long been interwoven around the evidence than M. W. Bro. William Sewall Gardner, of Boston, partly because *Massachusetts* has a direct interest in the question, and also because of Bro. Gardner's love for work, beset with difficulties, but holding out important results if settled. The claim of Bro. Gould, of Connecticut, that "the first three degrees of Masonry" were introduced into the United States as early as 1658, "seventy-five years before the establishment of the first lodge in Massachusetts," was carefully considered by Bro. Gardner in one of his able addresses before the Grand Lodge as M. W. G. M., and completely set aside; all the so-called authorities being "*weighed in the balance* and *found wanting*."

2. The *first* claim in point of age being thus disposed of, we come next to a consideration of the City of Boston, and the Mother Lodge of New England. We turn to that invaluable work, Dr. Mackey's "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," and read: "Freemasonry was introduced into *Massachusetts* in 1733, by a Deputation granted to Henry Price as Grand Master of North America, dated April 30th, 1733." But the learned Doctor refers to three other Provinces in the same work as follows: (a) "New York. If we exclude the Deputation of Daniel Coxe for New Jersey, which included New York and several other Provinces, the first Deputation for New York was that granted in 1737." (b) "New Jersey. We do not know at what precise period Freemasonry was introduced into New Jersey. Preston says that in 1729, during the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Norfolk, Mr. Daniel Coxe was appointed Provincial Grand Master for New Jersey. *I have not been able to obtain any evidence that he exercised his prerogative by the establishment of lodges in that Province*" (page 528). (c) "Pennsylvania. The first lodge in Pennsylvania was established in Philadelphia in 1734, by a warrant from the Provincial Grand

Lodge of Massachusetts, and of this lodge Benjamin Franklin was the first Master" (page 568).

3. As to *Massachusetts*, we cannot do better than take the address by BRO. GARDNER in the Proceedings of that Grand Lodge for 1871 (a volume of *surpassing interest*, and without doubt *the finest book of the kind ever issued by any Grand Lodge*) as the repertory of all the known evidence at that time on the subject. We regarded it until recently as *generally* conclusive as to the origin of American Freemasonry, especially as the eloquent author had previously stated that "*it is conceded* that Provincial Grand Master Coxe *never exercised* the prerogatives of his office within his jurisdiction, and it does not appear that he ever established any lodges in New York, New Jersey or Pennsylvania." (Proceedings, 1870, p. 357.) In BRO. JOSEPH H. HOUGH'S "Origin of Masonry in the State of New Jersey," a most valuable publication—is to be found an exact copy made by the lamented Grand Secretary of England (Bro. W. Gray Clarke) of Bro. Coxe's Deputation, the date of the original *being 5th June*, 1730.* Bro. Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, January 29th, 1731, and the Record states that his health was drunk "as Provincial Grand Master of North America." This is important, and proves that his authority was recognized in 1731 by the Grand Lodge of England, and also that it is likely enough the Provincial Grand Master availed himself of that opportunity to report what lodges, if any, he had constituted. We are inclined to the latter view all the more because no *written* reports are known to exist of any lodges being so formed by him. BRO. HOUGH states "some known facts would seem to prove that the authority (of Coxe's) was brought into practical operation. It is a fact gathered from the columns of the press of that day, that there existed a lodge in Philadelphia in 1732. The source from which the lodge derived its authority cannot be ascertained" (p. 10.) So said BRO. HOUGH prior to BRO. GARDNER'S address, and subsequent researches have confirmed the declaration. BRO. GARDNER, however, evidently thought the assertions were made without foundation, for he declares that the petition of the Boston Masons, to M. W. Bro. Price (signed July 30th, 1733), "is undoubtedly the *oldest original Masonic document in America.* * * * Its presence here places us in direct communication *with the first meeting* of the brethren on the Continent by *chartered authority.*" (Proceedings 1871, p. 298.) By "*chartered authority*," we must understand the appointment of Bro. Price as Provincial Grand Master, but we have seen a "chartered authority" was issued *previously* by the same Grand Lodge (England), so that if Bro. Coxe ever constituted any lodge, or lodges, prior to July 30th, 1733,

* Preston did not say 1729, but that the appointment was made when the Duke of Norfolk was Grand Master. His Grace was installed 29th of January, 1730 (*elected in* 1729).

then the one mentioned at Boston *was not the first* in America, and even were it impossible now to produce any evidence of an older authority than that of 1733, at Boston, we should not declare it to be the *first*, but only the *first of which we have evidence.* The lodge at Boston was not one warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, July 30th, 1733, but simply constituted by Bro. Price, as Provincial Grand Master, and was, doubtless, the first of its kind in Massachusetts, for, as Bro. Gardner says: "No man has been bold enough to deny that Henry Price * * * there and then constituted the first lodge." *In Boston*, we presume, he means, and that being so, we think no Masonic student would be *foolish* enough to dispute that claim.

Bro. Gardner informs us that a lodge was duly constituted in Philadelphia, by Benjamin Franklin, by virtue of an authority so to do from Bro. Price in 1734. *This may be so*, but the evidence is *not forthcoming*, and even if it be correct, does not prove that the lodge at Boston of 1733 was the first in New England, or that Philadelphia, or some other city, was not the favored place in which *the* first lodge was started. We shall, ere long, quote evidence which unequivocally proves that there were lodges in existence in New England *prior* to the advent of the Boston lodge of 1733, and one thing is clear, that Bro. Dr. Mackey is in error in following Bro. Gardner in the statement that " the first lodge in Pennsylvania was established in Philadelphia in 1734." Much of the evidence has been made to rest on the contents of the Calendars of the Grand Lodge of England, *an uncertain test for foreign lodges*, because, of necessity, such publications contain much *later* information as to *home* matters, and generally stale intelligence from *abroad.* It is also necessary for us to explain about these little Lodge Registers of the Grand Lodge of England, for their character and dates have been misunderstood. Bro. Gardner states that "the *first* English Grand Lodge Calendar, containing a register of all the lodges, was prepared in 1736. * * * No edition of the Calendar was printed in 1738." (Proceedings, 1871, p. 314.) The list of lodges thus referred to is that of Pyne's and Cole's, *not* first issued in 1736, but 1723–4! At page 154, Constitutions, 1738, we find that "in the mastership of Dalkeith, a list of *all the lodges* was engraven by Brother *John Payne*, in a very small volume, which is usually reprinted on the commencement of every *new Grand Master*, and dispersed among the brethren." The Earl of Dalkeith was Grand Master in 1723–4. In the Grand Lodge of England, a copy is still preserved of 1725, and another of the same edition is in the possession of that distinguished Mason, Bro. General Albert Pike, of Washington.

As to there being *no edition printed in* 1738, that, also, is an error, for we have seen a copy of that year in the large collection of Masonic books made by Bro. Richard Spencer, of London, and now offered for sale by auction. Besides these, there were other lists of

lodges to which we shall have to refer shortly *from* 1735; and having carefully examined several such unauthorized lists from 1735, and many authorized from 1736, including those of 1737 and 1738, we are anxious to clearly make the fact known, because much hangs on the point of their existence, or non-existence, with respect to the present inquiry.

After the Calendar of 1736, the lodge at Boston, of 1733, "appears in succeeding editions, with the date of the Warrant July 30th, 1733," *so* Bro. Gardner *says*, but such is not the case in the authorized engraved lists, for in the editions of 1737 and 1738, just as in that for 1736, *no date is mentioned.* We shall have occasion, before we conclude this sketch, to refer to a list of lodges, 1735, in which the lodge at Boston *is not*, but one at Philadelphia *is recorded.* We have not succeeded in tracing the lodge at Boston in any printed list prior to 1736. In the "Freemasons' Pocket Companion," for 1736, it is *not noticed*, neither is *any* lodge in New England inserted, but the No. 79 is *blank.* "126," the number of the *Boston lodge, is engaged by one in London*, warranted on 5th of November, 1734, which must have been removed in that year (1736), and the former substituted, as in the engraven list.* In the engraved list of 1736, *two* lodges are inserted for America, viz., "126, *Boston, in New England*," and "139, *Savannah, in ye Province of Georgia.*" So, also, in 1737 and 1738 editions.

It seems strange that the communications from the Freemasons of Boston from an early date, should contain so many allusions to "Freemasonry in America" having originated in that city, notwithstanding they had received a letter from Franklin,† informing them of the previous existence of a Provincial Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. So late as January 25th, 1768, the "Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge in Boston" petitioned the Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of England, and in the document the same claim is urged; and Bro. Henry Price, in a letter dated January 27, forwarded with the petition, also states that his "Deputation was the first that the Grand Lodge *ever issued to any part of America*," which was manifestly incorrect, for Coxe's Deputation preceded Price's by some three years. Grand Master Price also declares that his Grand Lodge "has been the foundation of Masonry in America, and I *the founder*," although Bro. Benjamin Franklin, in his letter of November, 28th, 1734, distinctly states that they (in Philadelphia) annually held "their Grand Lodge, choosing their Grand Master, Wardens and other officers," and undoubtedly there existed a Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania *before* that of Massachusetts, or the letters are meaningless and absurd.

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* The regular engraved list of lodges, containing later information than the unauthorized publication, which was only a copy of the 1735 edition.

† From whom the Boston Masons, and others, purchased the reprint of the constitutions of the Freemasons in 1734.

We must therefore look elsewhere than to Boston for the foundation of Masonry in New England, for in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the documents therein inserted are of themselves sufficient to throw doubt on its claim, even if Benjamin Franklin's correspondence alone remained, now that the whole matter comes up for examination through the publication of the Memorial volume of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

New York cannot be considered in the present inquiry, for nothing has yet transpired to prove that any lodge existed there anterior to 1737, and as to New Jersey we have seen that no evidence has yet been submitted of a lodge being in existence there so early as in New York. It is, however, possible, and in fact quite probable, that Bro. Daniel Coxe did constitute lodges in New York and New Jersey earlier than the present records afford information of, just as he evidently did in Pennsylvania, and we may yet hear of New Jersey establishing its claim to priority. But in the absence of authentic evidence we need not seek to fancy *what might have been*, but rather endeavor to discover *what has been* from the documents still preserved of a date *anterior to the foundation of* the "First *lodge at Boston, A.D.* 1733."

5. We have now to examine the Masonic records and documents of Pennsylvania, which, alone of all the Provinces of America, possess references to Freemasonry of an earlier date than 1733, and which, therefore, under *present circumstances* cannot but be the earliest *known* Masonic Province of New England, and thereby Philadelphia becomes the *Premier Masonic City* of the United States and of North America.

We see no other result that can possibly flow from the study of the records and documents at present known on the subject. Should, however, anything arise which places Pennsylvania in the background, and reduces it to the second or third position on the roll, we shall be amongst the first to acknowledge such evidence, for it is a matter of indifference to us as to which State has the honor of priority, so long as the claim is established on a historical and legitimate foundation. We have quoted from the M. W. Bro. Gardner's published addresses several times in our present article, because of the time and attention he has devoted to this subject, and also because any errors he may have unwittingly fallen into, become all the more injurious in his works, from his known accuracy generally inducing us to accept his numerous statements almost without question. We have done our best to carefully examine the evidence submitted, and having discovered a reference to a lodge in Philadelphia, which has hitherto escaped the observation of Masonic historians, and also familiarized ourselves with all that has been written on the subject, we have had peculiar opportunities to fit us in some measure to reconsider the whole question.

6. The point we have to elucidate is whether any lodges were in existence in North America prior to 1733.

Bro. W. Gray Clarke, Grand Secretary of England, to Historical Committee of New Jersey, said of Daniel Coxe: "He did not transmit any account of having constituted lodges, *and does not indeed appear* to have established any." We are not surprised at no account being sent to headquarters, as it was not usual in those days for the Grand Secretary to be much troubled with correspondence from abroad, and of the many lodges which were constituted in the Province of North America, *few* sent any fees to the Grand Lodge. Our respected Grand Secretary, Bro. John Harvey, informed our indefatigable Bro. Jacob Norton, in a letter dated 31st August, 1870, that the "*First money received* from a *lodge in America* was on the 8th of March, 1754; *Royal Exchange*, Borough of Norfolk, Virginia Constitution, £2 2*s*." Strange delays also occurred in the transmission of the fees which ultimately were forwarded, for in many cases they were transmitted long after the lodges were formed, and as we have said, many were never sent at all! Of the latter class apparently we have to rank those that were constituted under the authority of Bro. Coxe. Bro. Clarke had access only to a Calendar of 1725, and those from 1736. The editions between these years are unfortunately missing from the archives of the Grand Lodge of England.

In the pages of the *Keystone*, we have lately been treated with a racy review of some facts, for some time lost sight of, with respect to Freemasonry in Philadelphia, and subsequently the matter has been ably considered in the excellent Historical Introduction to the "Memorial Volume of the Masonic Temple of Pennsylvania," the handsomest Masonic work we have ever seen, and fit to grace the library of the most fastidious and critical, wherever located.

In this grand *Memorial Volume* attention is asked to the fact that "there were Masons at the time Coxe's Deputation was petitioned for, in Philadelphia, * * * and it will be observed that the application above referred to was by a *number of brethren*." * * *

"The first printed evidence at present known of the introduction or existence of Freemasonry in America will be found" in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* for December 8th, 1730, Bro. *Benjamin Franklin* the *printer*, as follows:

> As there are several lodges of Freemasons erected in this Province, and people have lately been much amused with conjectures concerning them, we think the following account of Freemasonry, from London, will not be unacceptable to our readers.

Here there is printed evidence of the existence of Masonic lodges in Philadelphia in December, 1730.

In the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, for June 19th, 1732, is another reference to Freemasonry, in the same city, and this time it is the meet-

ing of the Grand Lodge, at which W. Allen, Esq., was chosen Grand Master, and Benjamin Franklin one of the Wardens, *about a year before the Petition of the Boston Masons for a Lodge* was presented to their Provincial Grand Master, Henry Price!

PHILADELPHIA, June 26, 1732.

Saturday last being St. John's Day, a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS was held at the Sun Tavern, Water Street, when, after a handsome entertainment, the Worshipful W. Allen, Esq., was unanimously chosen *Grand Master* of this Province for the year ensuing, who was pleased to appoint *Mr. William Pringle*, Deputy Master. Wardens chosen for the ensuing year were *Thomas Boude* and *Benjamin Franklin.*

Of these some undoubtedly were the "*old and true brethren,*" to whom Brother Franklin alluded in his letter to Brother Price, and who were members of a lodge or lodges prior to 1733. The two extracts presented are the earliest printed references to lodges and a Provincial Grand Lodge in America which have yet been produced, *and of which there can be no question.*

We are also told, in this "Dedication Memorial," that a letter is still in existence, written November 17, 1754, by a Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, to a Bro. T. Cadwallader, in Philadelphia, in which Bro. Bell states:

As you well know, I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. A party of us used to meet at the Sun Tavern, in Water Street, and sometimes opened a lodge there. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it, we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted.

Bro. Cadwallader was a distinguished physician in Philadelphia, and a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the year 1755; so the letter may fairly be taken as an important link in the chain of evidence. All these references, however, do not connect any *particular* lodge with the introduction of Freemasonry into America, though the letter of Bro. Bell is to a certain extent confirmatory of the fact that Bro. Coxe *did* constitute one lodge, if not more, in Philadelphia, as Provincial Grand Master, *and so far* nothing has transpired as to the "existence" of a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England anywhere in New England prior to 1733, *excepting* the newspaper extracts of 1730–2, and the other documents herein mentioned. We now have the pleasure to add a little to the stock of information. In June of this year, we became the fortunate purchaser of a little book in which is a list of lodges under the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland for A.D. 1735, *one year earlier than any preserved by the Grand Lodge of England*, excepting that of 1725, already alluded to. We obtained it from the important and extensive library of Bro. Spencer, Great Queen Street, London, and

glad were we to have it when we discovered its contents. We had never heard of another such copy, but singular to state, some boxes have, *since then*, been opened, which are in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in the presence of R. W. Bro., the Honorable Judge Townshend, LL.D. and P. D. G. M., and our good friend and Brother James H. Neilson, of Dublin, and lo! another copy has turned up; so now we are not quite so isolated in our possession as we anticipated. Bro. Neilson also owns a copy of the London edition of the same "Companion," for 1735.

The first edition, Dublin, has the following for its title-page:

A POCKET COMPANION FOR FREE-MASONS, CONTAINING,
I. The History of Masonry.
II. The Charges of a Freemason, &c.
III. General Regulations for the use of the lodges in and about the City of Dublin.
IV. The manner of constituting a New Lodge, according to the antient usage of Masons.
V. A Short Charge to be given to a new admitted Brother.
VI. A collection of the songs of Masons, both old and new.
VII. Prologues and Epilogues spoken at the Theaters in Dublin and London for the entertainment of Freemasons.
VIII. A List of the warranted Lodges in Ireland, Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, East and West Indies, &c.
Approved of, and Recommended by the Grand Lodge.
Deus nobis Sol et Scutum.

Dublin: Printed by E. Rider, and sold at the *Printing Office* in George's Lane; T. Jones, in Clarendon Street; and J. Pennel, at the *Hercules* in *St. Patrick Street.* MDCCXXXV. (Price eight-pence.)

It is dedicated "To the BRETHREN and FELLOWS of the most antient and Right Worshipful SOCIETY of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, by *your loving* BROTHER and most obedient servant." W.(illiam) S.(mith), and consists of preface, 2 pp., and 79 pp. octavo, with an emblematical frontispiece.

From this time it will be located in the Library of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, as we have forwarded the precious little book for that purpose,—the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having a peculiar interest in its preservation, and Masonic students in America can examine its contents at convenience.

The list of lodges commences with those under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, *numbered* 1 to 37, and then follows "*A List of the Warranted* LODGES *in* GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, &c.," *numbered* 38 to 163. The English lodges then do not bear their *proper* but simply *consecutive* numbers after those of Ireland, so that to obtain the correct numbers of the English lodges as on the Register of the Grand Lodge, we have to deduct 37 from the figures printed. Thus page 78,

"116. *The Hoop in Water street in Philadelphia, 1st Monday,*" would accordingly be No. 79. This is the *earliest account known of a lodge in America,* and the record is in an earlier list of lodges than has been known until of late.

In order to test the age of the lodge, we must consult a list of lodges with the years of constitution attached, which are absent from the Dublin "Companion." In the London edition of the same book, evidently published later on or in the same year, by "E. Rider, in Blackmore street, near Clare Market, MDCCXXXV" (octavo, p. 116),* the No. 79 (116, Irish Edit.) is inserted, with the name of the lodge *omitted, and so, also, in the "Freemasons' Companion" for* 1736.

In the *engraved* lists of 1736–7 and 8, the No. 79 has inserted a *lodge in Little St. Martin's Lane,* London, and so has the Freemason's Pocket Companion of 1738, warrant dated A.D. 1731. When we come across an engraved list of 1733 to 1735, it will, doubtless, agree with the Dublin lists of 1735.

The following is taken later from an exact list of Regular Lodges, according to their seniority and constitution, numbers 1 to 126, last of A.D. 1734, and we have added the dates of constitution, so far as we can trace them.

Pocket Companion, A.D. 1735. Dublin edit.	Pocket Comp., A.D. 1735. London edit.	"Comp." A.D. 1736.	"Comp." 1738.
107 *Norfolk*, A.D. 1729,	70†	70†	70†
108 *London*, A.D. 1730,	71	71	71
109 Bengal,	72	72	72
110 *Lincoln*, A.D 1730,	73	73	73
111 *London*, A.D. 1730,	74	74	74‡
112 *London*, A.D. 1730,	75	75	75
113 *London*,	76	76	76
114 London, A D. 1731.	77	77	77
115 Bury St. Edmonds, A.D. 1731,	78	78	78
116 *Philadelphia*,	79‡	79‡	79⁑
117 *Macclesfield*,	80	80	80
118 *Bury St. Edmonds*, A.D. 1731,	81	81	81
119 *London*, A.D. 1731,	82	82	82
120 London, A.D. 1731,	83	83	83

In the Dublin "Companion," of 1735, the only lodge mentioned as in America is the one at Philadelphia, No. 116, really 79. In the London edition of 1735 no lodge whatever is registered for America. No. 79, formerly credited to *Philadelphia*, is *blank.* In the edition of 1736 ("Comp.") no American lodge is recorded, 79 *being still blank*, and No. 126 refers to a lodge in London, warranted A.D. 1734, which number was *afterwards* filled by "Boston, in New England," in which appear the former 126 lodge placed to No.

* Each alternate page is *blank*, but numbered.
† Same name and year, except when otherwise marked.
‡ Blank. ⁑ London, A.D. 1731.

128. *So, also, in the engraved* lists and "139 Savanah in ye Province of Georgia."

Then comes the question, When was this lodge meeting in the "*Hoop, at Water St., Philadelphia,*" warranted and constituted? I answer, certainly not later than A.D. 1730, and for the following reason: The English lodges immediately *preceding*, and *succeeding*, the one at Philadelphia, were warranted A.D. 1731, and in all cases that we have been able to find any records of American lodges, they have invariably been placed between English lodges of a year or more later constitution. It was so with the lodge at Boston, opened in 1733, which took the position formerly occupied by a lodge of 1734, and which is preceded and followed by lodges of that year, A.D. 1734, and with others under similar circumstances.

The lodge at Philadelphia was doubtless WARRANTED as well as CONSTITUTED in the latter part of the year 1730, or in other words, nearly *three* years before any other lodge has been proved to be in existence on the Continent of America. The Register of 1735 connects the lodge at "the Hoop, Water street," with the numerous brethren meeting in *Philadelphia*, A.D. 1730, mentioned by the "*Gazette*" of 1730 and 1732, and proves that whatever Bro. Henry Price may have done in 1734 as to the *Keystone* City, the Freemasons of Philadelphia, under the leadership of Coxe, Allen and Franklin, were meeting in their lodges before Masonry was practiced in Boston under authority from the Grand Lodge of England, and therefore, according to the evidence at present submitted, *Philadelphia is the Premier Masonic city and Pennsylvania the first Masonic State of America.*

W. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, editor of the *Keystone*, has furnished us the following extracts, from the newspapers of the day, relating to the election of Grand Officers, in accordance with authority granted by the Coxe deputation.

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette, of June* 28, 1733.]

"Philadelphia, June 28.

"Monday last a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in this Province, was held at the *Tun Tavern* in Water street, when HUMPHREY MURRY, Esq., was elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, who appointed Mr. Thomas Hart his Deputy; and Mr. Peter Cuff and Mr. James Bingham were chosen Wardens. A very elegant entertainment was provided upon the occasion, at which the Proprietor, the Governor, the Mayor of the city, and several other persons of distiction, honored the Society with their presence."

This paper bears the following imprint:

"Philadelphia, Printed by B. Franklin, at the New Printing Office near the Market, Price 10s. a year."

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of June* 27, 1734.]

"Philadelphia, June 27.

"Monday last a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in this Province, was held at the *Tun Tavern* in Water street, when BENJAMIN FRANKLIN being elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, appointed Mr. John Crap to be his Deputy: and James Hamilton, Esq., and Thomas Hopkinson, Gent., were chosen Wardens. After which a very elegant entertainment was provided, and the Proprietor, the Governor, and several other persons of distinction, honored the Society with their presence."

[The reader may observe, that the meetings referred to above in the years 1733 and 1734 were both held at the "*Tun Tavern*, in Water Street," while that of 1732 is printed as having been held at the "*Sun* Tavern, in Water street." It is quite evident, therefore, that *Sun*, in the newspaper of 1732, was a typographical error for *Tun*.]

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of July* 3, 1735.]

"Philadelphia, July 3.

"Tuesday, the 24th past, was held a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the *Indian King*, in Market street, when JAMES HAMILTON, Esq., was chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing; who was pleased to appoint Thomas Hopkinson, Gent., to be his Deputy, and Messrs. William Plumstead and Joseph Shippen were nominated and chosen Grand Wardens."

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of July* 8, 1736.]

"On the 24th past, was held in this city a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, when THOMAS HOPKINSON, Gent., was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province, for the year ensuing; who nominated Mr. William Plumstead his Deputy, and Messrs. Joseph Shippen and Henry Pratt, were nominated and chosen Wardens."

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of June* 30, 1737.]

"Philadelphia, June 30.

"Friday last was held, at the *Indian King*, in this city, a Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, when WILLIAM PLUMSTEAD, was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing, who appointed Joseph Shippen, Jr., to be his Deputy; and Messrs. Henry Pratt and Philip Syng, were nominated and chosen Grand Wardens."

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of July* 6, 1738.]

"Philadelphia, July 6.

"On Saturday, the 24th past, was held at the *Indian King*, in

this city, a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, when Mr. JOSEPH SHIPPEN was unanimously chosen Grand Master of this Province for the year ensuing; who appointed Mr. Philip Syng to be his Deputy; and Dr. Thomas Cadwalader and Mr. Thomas Boude were nominated and chosen Grand Wardens."

[*From the Pennsylvania Gazette of June* 25, 1741.]

"Yesterday, at a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held for the Province of Pennsylvania, at the *Indian King*, in this city, Mr. PHILIP SYNG was chosen Grand Master for the year ensuing; Mr. Thomas Boude was appointed Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. Lambert Emerson and Dr. Thomas Bond, Grand Wardens."

In the Library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania will be found a work which, although not published until 1811, gives a very interesting history of Freemasonry, which we quote entire. The work is called

"The | Picture | of | Philadelphia, | etc., etc. | By | James Mease, M.D. | Philadelphia: Published by B. & T. Kite, No. 20 N. Third Street. | For sale by them and Joseph Delaplaine. 1811." | Pages 376. The same was republished in 1831.

Pages 288, 289, 290, 291, 292 contain the following:

"SOCIETY OF MASONS.

"The early records of Masonry in Philadelphia have been lost, but it is known that a society of the 'Moderns' was formed at an early date, and that it was composed of several of the most respectable and prominent characters of the day. The *Gazettes*, the only authority existing on the subject, inform us of a Grand Lodge having been held so early as the year 1732, at the 'Tun tavern,'* the fashionable hotel of the time, when William Allen, the Recorder (afterwards Chief Justice), was chosen Grand Master. It appears that regular meetings were annually held for several years afterwards.

"In the year 1737 a melancholy event occurred, which gave the brethren much uneasiness. A party of idle men, not belonging to the craft, with a view of enjoying the fright which they supposed they would excite, either volunteered their services, or acceded to the wishes of a young man, to initiate him into the mysteries of Masonry, and accordingly instituted a variety of ridiculous operations, at night in a cellar, to all which he submitted with fortitude,

* Water Street, between Walnut and Chestnut.

although they were painful and extremely trying to a young mind. Finding that their object was likely to be defeated a bowl of burning spirit, into which he had been directed to look for some time, was thrown over him, and his clothes taking fire he was so much burnt that he died in a few days afterwards.

"This melancholy event justly excited the public indignation, and the chief promoter of the mischief, after a legal investigation, was ignominously punished by being burnt on the hand; but unfortunately the scene having been conducted under the impression of a connection with Masonry, a considerable prejudice, among those who were unacquainted with the principles of the craft, was excited, and to such a degree did it extend that the brethren deemed it necessary to come forward, and after stating the occurrence in the newspapers, to 'declare the abhorrence of all true brethren to this horrid practice, and that the persons concerned were not of their society, nor of any society of Free and Accepted Masons.'*

"On the 23d September, 1743, the Right Honorable Lord John Ward, Grand Master of England, nominated Thomas Oxnard, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of all North America.

"On the 10th July, 1749, Thomas Oxnard, Esq., appointed Benjamin Franklin, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint the other Grand Officers, hold a Grand Lodge, issue warrants, etc.

"On the 5th September, 1749, the first Grand Lodge was held at 'the Royal Standard,' in Market Street, under this warrant, Grand Master Franklin having appointed Dr. Thomas Bond Deputy Grand Master, Joseph Shippen Senior Grand Warden, Philip Syng Junior Grand Warden, Wm. Plumstead Grand Treasurer, Daniel Byles Grand Secretary.

"At the same meeting a warrant was granted to James Pogreen† and others to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia. The meetings were regularly held until 13th March, 1750, when William Allen, Esq., the Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, presented to the Grand Lodge a commission from the Grand Lodge of England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master, which was recognized, and he appointed Benjamin Franklin Deputy Grand Master, and the other officers above mentioned according to rank. From this time they proceeded in their business, granting new warrants in the city, in various parts of the State, and other places, until superseded by the introduction of various lodges of 'Ancient York Masons,' and the ultimate establishment of a Grand Lodge of that order.

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* Signed, Thomas Hopkinson, G. M., Wm. Plumstead, D. G. M., Joseph Shippen and H. Pratt, G. W.

† Signed, William, Lord Byron, Baron of Rochdale, in the county of Lancaster, G. M.

"As far as the minutes of the Modern Grand Lodge go Dr. Franklin was never absent from a meeting.

"A Grand Lodge was erected some years afterwards, in the alley leading from Second Street to Dock Street, by the Bank of Pennsylvania, which remained until the year 1785, when the 'Moderns' having greatly diminished, the two surviving trustees of the building were authorized, by an act of the legislature, to sell it, and to apply part of the proceeds thereof to a charitable purpose.

"They were given to the city for the use of the poor.

"At what time the members of 'Ancient York Masons' first held subordinate lodges does not now appear;* but in the year 1761, the late William Ball, of Philadelphia, obtained from the Grand Lodge of that society, in London, the charter or warrant for the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. It is No. 1 in Pennsylvania, and No. 89 in England,† and registered in the Grand Lodge, London, Vol. 3d, letter C., and bears date July 14th, 1761.

"The fraternity of the Ancients have since regularly held their Grand Communications, except while the British were in possession of Philadelphia, and to the end of last year have constituted one hundred and thirty-one subordinate Lodges, in several of the States, in the West Indies, in Florida, and twenty-one in Philadelphia. For several years past they have been anxious to erect a building suitable to the dignity of the craft, and to their thriving situation, but were not able until the year 1809 to accomplish their wishes. With the funds then on hand, and the help of additional subscriptions, they commenced the undertaking; but their views enlarging as the work proceeded, it became necessary to increase their funds, they therefore proposed a loan of forty thousand dollars, at six per cent., redeemable on the first day of January, 1825, on the security of the house and lot. This loan was filled in less than two hours by eighty subscribers. A second loan, for twenty thousand dollars, has also been filled.

"The Masonic Hall is on Chestnut, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, from Delaware, and was consecrated in due form and with all possible splendor and solemnity on last St. John's Day. Upwards of eight hundred brethren, many of them from other States, attended the procession on the occasion. An impressive and eloquent oration was delivered on the same day before the society by the Grand Master, James Milnor, Esq.,‡ in St. John's Church, Sassafras Street.

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* Owing to the loss of the archives during the Revolutionary war.

† It is signed by Kelly (Thomas Erskine, Earl Kelly, Viscount Fenton, etc.), G. Master, Wm. Osborn, D. G. Master, Wm. Dickey, S. G. Warden, J. Gibson, J. G. Warden, Law. Dermott, G. Secretary.

‡ For sale by Bradford & Inskeep. A full account of the procession is annexed.

"*Officers:*

"James Milnor, R. W. Grand Master.
"P. L. B. Duplessis, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
"Richard Tybout, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
"Joseph Burden, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
"George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.
"Samuel J. Bradford, R. W. Grand Treasurer."

In 1754 the Grand and first Saint John's Lodges erected by subscription the first Masonic Hall in America. This building was erected in Lodge Alley, a small street running from Second below Chestnut Street, and was afterwards used in common as a Lodge Room by the Moderns and Ancients in this city.

Through the favor of W. Brother George Griscom, who received the paper from the late Bro. Chas. Swift Riché, we have the pleasure of furnishing the copy of the original subscription list for the erection of this Hall.

Philadelphia March 13, 1754

Whereas at a Meeting of the Grand and First Lodges, on Thursday the 12th day of March 1752 a Committee was then appointed and fully authorized to look out for a suitable Lot whereon to erect a Building for the Accomodation of the said Lodges, Philadelphia Assembly, and other Uses; and to take such Deed for it in their Names, for the Use and Behalf of the aforesaid Grand and First Lodges as they shall be advised to by Council learned in the Law; and to do such other Things for the carrying on and compleating the same, and letting it out when finished as in and by the Minutes of that Meeting they are directed to do. *And whereas* the said Committee have in Pursuance thereof made a Report to the Grand and first Lodges (who met for that Purpose on Saturday the 23d of February last) of a certain Lot, which was unanimously approved of by the said Lodges, who Did then in full Confidence of the Honor and Integrity of the said Committee, confirm the Authoritys given to them in 1752, and enjoined them to take proper measures for purchasing the said Lot, and erecting the proposed Building as soon as conveniently may be. *Now* We the Subscribers, being willing to promote the afore-mentioned laudable undertaking, (as we think it will not only tend to the establishing our particular Society on a lasting Foundation and enable us further to extend our Charity to the Distressed among Masons, but also to be of general Service to the Inhabitants of this City, who have frequent occasion for a Building of the Kind proposed to be erected) *Do* therefore agree to advance and pay to Messrs. Samuel Mifflin and John Swift, towards

defraying the Expenses thereof, the Sums annex'd to our respective Names on Demand: Saving to us our Heirs Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the Right of being fully *repaid* by the persons who shall from time to time have the said Building in Trust as aforesaid, in the Manner directed by the Minutes inserted in the Minute Book of the first Lodge on the 12th day of March 1752. Vizt. Out of the first Moneys arising from the said "Building after all Expenses are paid in Proportion to the several Sums lent"

Wor. Ma. JOHN MAHER, JUN., } £15
*J.S. DANIEL ROBERDEAU, £15 }
J.S. JONAH FRANCIS, JUNR., £15
S.M. JOHN SWIFT for } £15
S.M. RICHD. HILL, JUNR. }
J.S. JAMES TROTTER, 15
J.S. WM. MOORE, 15
S.M. ROBT. OSBORNE, 15
J.S. THO. LAWRENCE, JR., £15
J.S. JOHN WALLACE for self and
J.S. ALEX. HAMILTON, £50
S.M. EDW. SHIPPEN, JR., £15
S.M. WM. DONELLY, 15
J.S. JAMES WALLACE, £15
S.M. ANDREW ELLIOT, £15
CONRAD SCHURZ, £15
S.M. BENJ. TRUE, £15
pd. CHAS. HUMPHREYS, £15
J.S. DAVID MCILVAINE, £15
J.S. ALEXR. LUNAN, £15
MICHL. HILLEGAS, £15
J.S. JOHN BELL, £15
J.S. WM. FRANKLIN, £15
S.M. DANIEL ROBERDEAU, £15
J.S. SAM. MIFFLIN, £15
J.S. JUDAH FOULKE, £15
HENRY ELWES, £15
pd. ROBT. SMITH, £15
S.M. JOHN SWIFT, £15
S.M. TOWNSEND WHITE, £15
S.M. CHARLES STEDMAN, £15
J.S. JOHN KIDD, £15
J.S. ALEX. HUSTON, £20
J.S. JAMES HAMILTON, £50
S.M. WILL. ALLEN, £50
S.M. B. FRANKLIN, £20
S.M. WM. PLUMSTED, £25
J.S. THOS. CADWALADER, £15
S.M. THOMAS BOND, £15
J.S. THOS. BOUDE, 15†
THOMAS HART, £15

In 1755 there were three Lodges meeting in Philadelphia subordinate to the Grand Lodge.

St. John the Baptist's Day, 1755, was celebrated by attending Christ Church, and listening to a sermon by Bro. Wm. Smith. Our authority for this is to be found in a small pamphlet, styled "A | sermon | preached in | Christ Church, | Philadelphia, | before the | Provincial Grand Master, | and | General Communication | of Free and Accepted | Masons, | on Tuesday, the 24th of June, 1755, being the Grand | Anniversary of St. John the Baptist. | We know

* The initials J. S. and S. M. refer to the one to whom the subscription was made or paid,—John Swift or Samuel Mifflin.

† It will be observed that several of the Grand Officers, elected in 1732, are subscribers to the building of the first Masonic Hall, viz.: Wm. Allen, Benj. Franklin, and Thos. Boude.

where Faith, Law, Morals, all began. | All end—in Love of God and Love of Man—Pope. | By William Smith, M.A., Provost of | the College and Academy of Philadelphia. | Philadelphia: | Printed and sold by B. Franklin & D. Hall."*

In this most valuable publication will be found the official account of a meeting, held immediately after the sermon, on that day. The Minute is printed on the back of the title-page, and facing the dedicatory page. We reproduce both.

"At the Grand Anniversary and General Communication of Free and Accepted Masons, held in the Lodge Room, in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 24th of June, A.M. 5755 & C.Æ. 1755.

"*Present:*

"The Right Worshipful W. ALLEN, ESQ., G. M.

"B. FRANKLIN, ESQ., D. G. M.
"DR. T. BOND, G. S. W.
"J. SHIPPEN, G. J. W.
W. PLUMSTED, ESQ., G. Treas.
W. FRANKLIN, G. Sec.

"*Members of Grand Lodge:*

"HON. R. H. MORRIS, ESQ.
"DR. T. CADWALADER, ESQ.
J. HAMILTON, ESQ.
T. BOUDE.

"*Visiting Brethren:*

"His Excellency J. TINKER, ESQ., Governor of Providence.
"JOHN PENN, ESQ., etc.

And also the Masters, Wardens, and Members of the Three Regular Lodges.

"Upon motion made, it was unanimously

"AGREED:

"That the thanks of this General Communication be given to our Reverend Brother, Mr. William Smith, for his sermon, preached this day, before the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in this city, and that he be requested to give a copy of the same for the Press.†

"WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Grand Secretary.

"In the whole, 130 brethren.

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* A copy of this work is in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

† William Smith, D.D., delivered three Masonic sermons. Sermon I, on Brotherly Love, etc., preached on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, 1755, before the Moderns. Sermon II, preached on Monday, December 28th, 1778, celebrated as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist,

"DEDICATION.

"To the Right Worshipful, | the Provincial Grand Master, | Deputy Grand Master, | Grand Wardens, | and | Members of the Grand Lodge, | and to the Masters, Wardens and Members | of the | Three Regular Lodges | of | Free and Accepted Masons, | in Philadelphia, | this sermon, | preached and published at their request, is | dedicated, | by | their faithful brother and | most affectionate humble servant, | William Smith."

We have just received, by the kindness of W. Bro. George Griscom, from Chas. R. Hildeburn, Esq., the original account of the members of the first Lodge.

JUNE, 1752.

DEBTS DUE TO THE LODGE FOR QUARTERAGE.

		£. s. d.
1751, June 24, Adam Thomson, ...	5s.	
Dec., do	5s.	0 15 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, June 24, John Swift, ...	5s.	
Dec., do	5s.	0 15 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, June 24, Robt. Ellis, ...	5s.	
Dec., do	5s.	0 15 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, June 24, Hugh Davy, ...	5s.	
Dec., do	5s.	0 15 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, Dec., Daniel Byles, ...	5s.	
1752, June, do	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, *J. W. Thos. Lawrence, paid, .		0 5 0
do paid J. W. Jas. Louttit, . . .		0 5 0
1752, June, do C. Humphries, . . .		0 5 0

with an appendix on the character of Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus. Sermon III, preached before the Grand Lodge of Communication, on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1795. The two latter before the Ancients.

N. B.—The above three sermons were preached at the request of the GRAND LODGE OF COMMUNICATION for Pennsylvania, and contain in substance all that the author thinks it necessary to bequeath to the Brotherhood, by way of sermons, preached at different times and in sundry of the neighboring States, during forty-eight years past.

From the works of William Smith, D.D., late Provost of the College and Academy of Philadelphia. Vols. I–II. Philadelphia: Published by Hugh Maxwell & Wm. Tory, No. 25 N. 2d Street. 1803.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

* J. W., received by John Wallace.

		£. s. d.
1751, Dec., Geo. L. Osborn, pd.,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, Dec., Alex^r Huston,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, Dec., John Kearsley,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1752, June, J. W. Henry Elwes, paid,		0 5 0
do Samuel Palmer, pd. J. S.,*		0 5 0
do Anth'y Stocker,		0 5 0
do J. W. Dan'l Roberdeau, paid,		0 5 0
do J. W. Sam'l Mifflin, paid,		0 5 0
do Richd Hill,		0 5 0
do pd Stephen Carmick, J. W.,†		0 5 0
do pd J. W. John Bell,		0 5 0
do paid J. W. Wm. Franklin,		0 5 0
1751, Dec., Jas. Polgreen,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1751, Dec., Wm. Dowell,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do	5s.	
1752, June, pd J. W. John Wallace,		0 5 0
do Alex. Hamilton, pd. J. S.,		0 5 0
do Dr. McIlvaine, paid,		0 5 0
1751, Dec., Robert Smith, pd.,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, J. W. do pd.,	5s.	
do James Trotter, pd. J. S.,		0 5 0
do Chas. Stedman, pd. J. S.,		0 5 0
do J. W. John Kidd, paid,		0 5 0
do Jas. Burd,		0 5 0
1751, Dec., George Smith, pd. J. S.,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do pd. J. S.,	5s.	
1751, Dec., Chas. Batho, pd. J. S.,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, do pd. J. S.,	5s.	
June, Jas. Lindsay,		0 5 0
1751, Dec., Ed. Shippen,	5s.	0 10 0
1752, June, J. W. do paid,	5s.	
1752, June, Alex. Ray, pd.,		0 2 6
do Judah Foulk, pd. J. W.,		0 2 6
do pd. Oct. 10, Dav'd Palmer,		0 2 6
do pd. J. S., Conrad Schutz,		0 2 6
do pd. J. W., Andw. Elliott,		0 2 6
do pd. J. W., Benj. Price,		0 2 6

OCTOBER 11TH, 1752.

Received of Stephen Potts, nineteen pounds nine and sixpence, on account of the Lodge.

£19. 9. 6. JOHN WALLACE.

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* J. S., received by John Swift. † J. W., by John Wallace.

The following list, received from the same source, exhibits the charges made and the time elapsing between the degrees.

Some debts due to the Lodge for making, raising, and memberships, delivered by the Committee of Accounts to the Tyler, October 10th, 1752, in order to raise a sum of money for the immediate relief of a distressed brother.

NOTE.—These are not the whole of the debts due to the Lodge, but only an extract, there being several others who owe for the same articles.

		£.	s.	d.
1752, Feb. 19,	Alex. Ray (member), pd. J. Swift,	1	7	0
do	Andr's Elliott, J.W. (made Mason), paid,	3	0	0
do	David Palmer (made Mason), pd. at entring,	3	0	0
do	Judah Foulke do pd. before,	3	0	0
do	B. Price do pd. before,	3	0	0
do	J. Read do pd. to Mr. Wallace,	3	0	0
March 18,	Benjamin Price (member), pd. J. Swift,	1	7	0
do	Judah Foulke, J. W. do pd. S. Potts,	1	7	0
do	Andrew Elliott, J. W. do paid,	1	7	0
do	David Palmer do pd. Oct., 1752,	1	7	0
April 15,	Dan[l] Curry (made Mason),	3	0	0
do	Cap[t] Hillier (fellow craft),	0	15	0
do	Jud. Foulke do	0	15	0
do	B. Price, J. W. do	0	15	0
May 6,	J. Wallace, J. W. (made Mason), paid,	3	0	0
June 17,	do (member), paid,	1	7	0
July 14,	do (fell[w] craft), paid,	0	15	0
do	D. Curry, J. W. do	0	15	0
August 4,	Judah Foulke, J.W. (Master), pd. S. Potts,	1	7	0
do	B. Price, J. W. (Master), paid,	1	7	0
do	D[d] Curry do	1	7	0

About 1757 several persons in Philadelphia, active in political and private life, were made Masons according to the work of the Grand Lodge of England, according to the Old Constitutions or the Ancients.

In 1758, Lodge No. 2, of Philadelphia, was warranted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, at London. The following is a copy of the Warrant, as recorded in the Book of Warrants of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

Warrant Number 2.

WM. BALL, Grand Master.
JOHN COATS, Deputy Grand Master.

ALEX. RUTHERFORD, Senior Grand Warden.
JACOB S. HOWELL, Junior Grand Warden.

To all whom it may concern:

[L. S.] WHEREAS, by a Warrant bearing Date the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, in the city of London, supersigned by the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable, William, Earl of Blessinton, Grand Master, William Holford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Robert Goodman, Senior Grand Warden, Wm. Osborne, Junior Grand Warden, and undersigned Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary. With the approbation and consent of forty-seven regular York Lodges, the following Brethren, viz.: the Worshipful George Brook, Master, Joseph Croker, Senior Warden, and John Macauly, Junior Warden (with their lawful assistants), were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the city of Philadelphia, or elsewhere, in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated), to admit, enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and honorable custom of Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world; and also with the further right, privilege, and authority to nominate, choose, and instal their successors; and them to invest with like power, authority, and dignity to nominate, choose, and instal their successors, as by the said warrant (reference being hereunto had) may more fully appear. And, Whereas, the said warrant, which was Registered as No. 69 of Ancient York Masons, in England, but has been held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania (being the eldest Warrant under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons which is now in this State), hath been surrendered up to us, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by the present officers and Brethren of the said Lodge No. 2, praying that the same may be renewed, establishing and confirming them and their successors (under the authority of this Grand Lodge) in the Rank, Dignity, Preheminence, and Masonic Privileges to which they are duly entitled by their said former warrant, inasmuch as the present situation of affairs permits them not to hold that correspondence with the Grand Lodge (from whence they derived their original authority) which the laudable customs and rules of Masonry require. Now, be it known, to all whom it may concern, That we, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the District of America, associated and united under our authority, viz.: The Right Worshipful William Ball, Esq., Grand Master, John Coats, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Mr. Alexander Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden, and Mr. Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden, with the full authority and consent of twenty-four regular Lodges under our Jurisdiction, Do hereby renew and confirm to our trusty and well-beloved Brethren Jacob Bankson, Esq., Master, Mr. Samuel Jervis, Senior Warden, Mr. William

Cornelius Bradford, Junior Warden, and the other regular and lawful members of the said Lodge No. 2, of Ancient York Masons, in *Philadelphia*, and to their true and lawful successors for ever, all the Masonic Rights, Privileges, Authority, Jurisdiction, and Preheminence, which (by their said Original Warrant herein above referred to and in part recited) they are, or may be, in any manner or way entitled to hold and enjoy; Provided, always, that the above named Brethren and Members of the said Lodge, and their successors, continue at all times to pay due respect and obedience to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, agreeably to the Rules and Ordinances lawfully made, or to be made, for the Benefit of Masonry and the advancement of our Royal Craft, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this Tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1780, and of Masonry 5780.

JNO. WOOD, Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary.

Recorded this 17th day of January, 1783.

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR., Dy Gd Secy.

Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, by tradition, dates its warrant about the same time as No. 2, but their warrant was not presented to and affirmed, as was that of No. 2, by the Grand Lodge.

In a short time after 1758 application was made for a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge, which was granted. It was not received, however, for nearly three or four years after being issued. The following letter accompanied the warrant when it was received:

LONDON, January 11th, 5765.

RT. WORSHIPFUL SIR:

Permit me to return you my sincere thanks for your very kind letter & assure you that your Warrant has not been retarded thro. any neglegence or Omission of mine. this will be more evident when I declare upon the word of a Man that I have wrote three Warr. for you, the first I deliver'd to the then Grand Officers in the presence of Joseph Read (of the lodge No. 2) who was the person that made application for it. and am told the ship & Warrant was taken by the French. The Second Warrant I delivered to the Senr. Grand Warden (now Deputy) and he to his Servt. and from whence God knows. all the account I can give of it is, that I suppose it was mislaid and consequently lost. doubtless you'll wonder why this seeming neglegence, if so I beg leave to make a remark which you little expect.

first—I give you to understand that your application was made

in a wrong Corner I mean the Lodge No. 2 (who are compo'd of very poor Mechanicks (tho. honest men) and complain'd of a great hardship on them in subscribing 2. 6 pence each for the first Warrant that was sent to philadelphia.

there were two Capital payments made of that great sum which did not amount in the whole to 2. 14. 0. and about 3 Shills left unpaid to this day. however the brethren of philadelphia refunded the Cash which doubtless was Joyfully Recd. The Second Application was made to No. 2 for a provincial Gd. Warrant without any notice taken of the Grand Lodge. however I was order'd to prepare the warrant which I accordingly did and deliver'd it as above, and upon hearing that it was lost I Recd Orders to make out another, which I accordinly did and deliverd as before related. Brother Joseph Read having Recd Money from philadelphia to pay for provincial Gd. Warrant was call'd on to pay the same absolutely refused to pay one farthing until the Gd. Officers wou'd first produce a Receipt under your hand that you had Received the said provinl. Grand Warrant. This being A matter unprecedented as well as disagreeable in the proposal had a sensible effect upon Gentlemen who thought it not altogether Consistant with their duties as Gd. Officers To send ventures of Masonry abroad to persons who had a warrant (and consequently knew where and who to address) yet did not think it worth while to write to them. Ho'ever now it is all over and every thing is made agreeable and I hope will continue so, between the Gd. Lodges of London and Philadelphia. I shou'd not have mention'd these matters was it not that I think it my duty to give you the best intelligence in my power. But to Conclude I procured this last warrant and sent it ℘ philadelphia Pacquet Captain Baden the Expense of the Warrant and Registry &c comes to 3. 10. 6, I have also sent 1: Doz of Constitution Books sold in London at 5s. a piece and One Book bound in blue Morocco and gilt which I beg you'll take care of for the Owner whoes Name you'll find in Gold letters in the inside of the Cover. I am with all due respect

Rt. W: G. M: Your devoted humble servt &c

LAU: DERMOTT G S

P. S. as this Letter is Design'd for your worship's perusal only, it is my earnest desire that you repeat no grievance. That you will do me Justice in Assuring the Society that next to God I love the Brotherhood.

And finally if you have any business (within my power to Transact in London, command me without reserve.

Accompanying this letter was the warrant, a copy of which is as follows:

No. 1, *in Pennsylvania.*] [*No.* 89, *in England.*

KELLY, GRAND MASTER!

WM. DICKEY, S.G.W. WM. OSBORN, D.G.M. J. GIBSON, J.G.W.

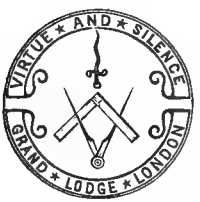
To all whom it may concern:

We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pittenween, etc., in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Osborn, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Gibson, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, etc., with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges, held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren (that are now or hereafter may become inhabitants) in the Province of Pennsylvania, to form and hold a Grand Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, in the said Province, independent of any former dispensation, warrant, or constitution granted (by us or our predecessors) to any part of America; and we do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint our trusty and dearly-beloved brother, the Right Worshipful William Ball, Esquire, our Provincial Grand Master in Pennsylvania aforesaid, and the territories thereunto belonging; our trusty and well-beloved brother, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, his Deputy Grand Master; our trusty and well-beloved brother, Mr. David Hall, his Senior Grand Warden; and our trusty and well-beloved brother, Mr. Hugh Lennox, his Junior Grand Warden, etc. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Messrs. William Ball, Esquire, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, David Hall, and Hugh Lennox to grant dispensations, warrants, or constitutions for the forming, holding, and well governing Lodges within his Worship's jurisdiction aforesaid; and in his (or such other Lodge or Lodges by him authorized), to make and admit Freemasons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world; and we do also farther empower and appoint the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to hear and determine all and singular matters relating to the Craft within the territories and jurisdiction aforesaid, strictly requiring all our loving brethren within the said jurisdiction to be conformable to all and every of the good rules, orders, issues, and decrees that shall from time to time be ordered, issued, or decreed by the said Right

Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and, lastly, we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and dearly-beloved brethren, Messrs. William Ball, Esquire, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, David Hall, and Hugh Lennox, with advice and consent of the Warranted Lodges within the jurisdiction aforesaid, to nominate, choose, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant and invest them with all their powers and dignities as Freemasons. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, choose, and install their successors, etc., etc., etc., such installation to be upon (or near) every St. John's (the Evangelist's) Day during the continuance of this Lodge forever. Providing that the above-named brethren, and all their successors, pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge in London, the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty and four, and the year of Masonry, 5764.

LAU. DERMOTT,
Grand Secretary.



N.B.—This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge in London, Vol. 3d, Letter C, and bears date July 15th, 1761.

The last printed records we have of the Moderns will be found in *The Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser*, Thursday, June 19, 1760. No. 915. 4 pages. On third page—

"The members of that Antient and Honourable Society of | FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS | belonging to the regular Constituted Lodge, No. 3, | (called the Tun Lodge,) | are desired to meet, on Tuesday, the 24th Instant, | at | 12 o'Clock, at the Lodge, to nominate Officers, pursuant to their Bye-Laws, and Commemorate and Celebrate the Anniversary of their pious Patron, Saint John the Baptist.

"JOHN REILY,
Secry."

We are under additional obligations to Chas. R. Hildeburn, Esq., for the use of the original letter from which the following is copied, being one of the last official acts of the first Lodge.

"PHILADA., 28 FEBRY., 1782.

"I wrote you a Line last week to inform you of an intended meet-

ing of the subscribers to the Lodge on Monday last, which I presume did not get to hand. About six of the subscribers met, and after some deliberation agreed to meet again at the City Tavern, on Monday evening, the 11th of March, at 6 o'clock. They request your attendance at that time, and if it should be in your way to give Mr. Kidd notice of the meeting you will please to do it, as it is intended to have as great a number of the subscribers together as possible. So many deaths and removals have happened lately, that we can't expect above ten or twelve.

"I am, sir,

"Your most obedient, humble servant,

"EDW. SHIPPEN."

"Addressed to John Swift, Esq., Neshaminy, Bucks County."

The Lodges in Philadelphia working under the Moderns ceased to exist about 1793, when their hall was sold, and the proceeds thereof belonging to the first Lodge was donated to the city as a fund to "furnish the poor with wood."*

The Moderns numbered among their prominent members many who were opposed to the independence of the Colonies, while the Ancients were mostly in favor thereof. It can be readily seen that the troubles incident to the Revolutionary war resulted in the carrying away and destruction of many of the older Minute Books and documents. This is the principal reason that the minutes of the Grand Lodge do not begin prior to 1779.

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* "The Free Masons' Fund. The origin and object of this charity is fully explained in the following letter: "To Matthew Clarkson, Esq., Mayor of the city of Philadelphia. Dear Sir: Please to inform the Corporation of the city that we, the subscribers, the Trustees appointed by Act of Assembly, for selling the Free Masons' Lodge, in Lodge alley, in the city of Philadelphia, having executed our trust, and called a meeting of the members of the First Lodge of Free Masons, (who formerly contributed their stock towards erecting the said building,) for the purpose of agreeing and declaring to what charitable purpose the one-third part of the produce of the said sale should be applied. It was unanimously agreed, that the same should be given to the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, to be by them applied towards a fund for supplying out of the interest thereof, the necessitous inhabitants of the said city with fuel in the winter season. We are likewise to inform you that the one-third part of the net proceeds of the said sale amounts to the sum of five hundred and seventy-four pounds, four shillings and eleven pence ($1533.57), which now remains in our hands, ready to be delivered to the order of the said Corporation, for the purpose aforesaid. We are, with great respect, your obedient, humble servants, Edward Shippen, John Swift. Philadelphia, 23d July, 1793."

The following are the names of the members of the First Lodge, to whom the disposition of the money belonged: Edward Shippen, John Swift, Matthew Clarkson, Michael Hillegas, Tench Francis, John Penn, William Smith. (This fund has since been merged into what is known as the City Fuel Fund.)" From the first Report of Board of City Trusts.

The fraternity were severe losers by the burning of the Masonic Temple on Chestnut Street, in 1819, when many of the old minute books of the Lodges were destroyed.

Lodge No. 3, of Philadelphia, has its minutes complete from 1767 to the present time. From them we have extracted so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in particular, or Masonry in general.

Extract from the Minutes of Royal Arch Lodge No. 3,* of Philadelphia.

"Nov 19. 1767. W[1] Bro Blaithwaite Jones the D[y] Gr[d] Master gave admonition for strictly adhearing to the Antient Landmarks, and a Petition was handed up from Fort Detroit but the W. M. was pleased to return the same, not being fully satisfied

Dec 3. 1767. Bro John Hoodloss proposed by Bro Henry Dawkins, it appearing by good authority he has been duly and lawfully entered passed and raised at Fort Pitt in the year 1759 by our brethren John Maine, James Woodward and Richard Ladly all Royal Arch Masons †

Dec 9. 1767. The majority of Body was of opinion that it would not be proper to admit Bro Hoodloss a member of this Lodge, or to enter, pass or raise any person belonging to the army in this Lodge as there is a lawfull warranted Body of good and able Masons in the Royal Irish Regiment and also as a promise to that purpose has been made to that body by our own Deputy Grand Master and ourselves

Nov 2. 1769. The Lodge taking into consideration the Petition of the W. M. and Brethren of Lodge No 13 respecting the behaviour of Mr Woodrow and Mr Foreman are unanimous that said Woodrow & Foreman did use the said Master and Brethren of Lodge No 13 with great indignity, and do therefore resolve that they or either of them shall not be admitted to visit this Lodge until they have made such satisfaction as shall be deemed satisfactory to the Grand Lodge for such disrespectfull usage of said Lodge No 13 in particuler and any Lodge in general.

Feby 22nd. 1770. The petition of Bro Haldane, Bro Longhead,

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* Styled Royal Arch Lodge, because it conferred the Royal Arch Degree.

† It does not say that he was made under the authority of a warrant, but by three Royal Arch Masons.

and Bro Campbell praying the approbation of this Lodge for a certificate to the Grand Lodge for a Warrant to erect a new Lodge; the question being put, whether a separation was necessary, yea or nay? The majority was in favor of a separation Ten to Nine, and thinking it convenient and necessary for the harmony of the Body voted for a separation.

A second motion was made whether the above petitioners should have certificates to the Grand Lodge for their good behaviour in this Lodge, and whether they should have the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, which is fifty shillings each for the three, for their full share part and proportion of the money, stock, furniture, implements, utensils and necessary's belonging to this Lodge, upon condition that the Grand Lodge should approve of the Petition, and grant them a Warrant, and it was voted in the affirmative by a majority.

April 6. 1770. The Regulations of the Grand Lodge was this night presented to this Lodge. An extra Lodge was ordered thereupon to consider on it.

April 12. 1770. The Brethren met to consider the above-mentioned regulations and have agreed that the Master and Wardens of this Lodge do attend the Grand Lodge for an explanation of said Regulations, particularly of the Eighth Article.

May 3d. 1770. Bro Thos Moore having to depart the Province shortly, was this night entered and passed, he being a Modern Mason *

Oct 4. 1770. Bro Fox declares his puting in the black ball against Joseph Kendall the last Lodge night, but he is now satisfied that he is worthy

June 13th. 1771. Bro Alex Rutherford Master of No 2 presented a copy of the transactions of the Grand Lodge on the 3rd of June current setting forth the case of Bro Blaithwait Jones, Bro John Howard, Bro David Hall and himself, being accused by Bro James Hume and others, and the opinion of the Grand Lodge on the case, and clearing said Brethren of said false accusations.

June 24th 1771. St John's Day. At 6. closed in Good Harmony. Then we received the compliments of the R. W. D. Grand Master expressing the pleasure and satisfaction it gave him to see the har-

* The minutes show many instances of this kind where Modern Masons were made over again under the Ancient Regulations.

mony and union of our Body and also complimented us on our good behaviour in regard to the differences which have lately happened in Lodge No 2.

At ½ past 6 Walked out to take the air, at 8 met again and supped. Drank sundry Toasts proper for the Day and parted in due time in good Harmony

Dec 27. 1771. Closed at 6 o'clock and according to appointment of 31st of Oct last went to Lodge No 2 to supp.*

Nov 10th 1774. It was proposed by sundry Brethren to go to church in form on St John's Day next and to have a sermon on the principles of Masonry. There were sundry visiting brethren present, and it was agreed by all to mention it in the minutes of the night and to consider of it and advise with the other two Lodges to have their concurrent consent on the case and also to ask the consent of the Grand Master

Aug 17. 1775. A ballot went round whether we should remove the Lodge or not and it was unanimous the Lodge should be removed. The Wl Master then proposed to move to the City Tavern, and on a ballot thereupon, it was unanimous it should be so.

June 24th. 1776. St John's Day. Dined at half past two and after Dinner drank 13 Masonic Toasts, and the entertainment concluded with an Anthem accompanied with a grand band of music provided for that purpose

Dec 5th. 1776. Bros. Banks, Whitehead, Diegel and Jones visited this night in order to consult on ways and means to apply for redress for some grievances which the Lodges in general has suffered by the neglect of some of the Grand Officers in not having it in their power to procure Grand Certificates for many of our worthy brethren who are obliged to go abroad

It was Resolved with the concurrent advice of the Committee of Lodge No 4 to visit No 2 to have their advice on the affair in order to make it first known to the Deputy, before we complain to the Grand Master.

Oct 10th, 1777.† The Business on which this Lodge was called

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* These courtesies between the two Philadelphia Lodges, Nos. 2 and 3, were very frequent.

† Thompson Westcott's History of Philadelphia, as published in the *Sunday Dispatch*, has the following sketch, which may possess some interest to the Masons of the present day:

(having duly summoned the Brethren of Lodge No 4 and also Bro John Wood our D. G. M. who did not attend) was to consider and resolve what should be done with the Jewells Books and Papers of

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In 1777, the jails being full, the Masonic Lodge building, on Lodge Alley, west of Second Street, was used as a place of confinement for a number of Quakers who were suspected of giving intelligence as spies to the British commanders. Congress passed a resolution recommending their arrest, which was accordingly done, and James Pemberton, Israel Pemberton, Samuel Pleasants, Henry Drinker, John Pemberton, Thomas Wharton, Sr., Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, Elijah Brown, Miers Fisher, Joseph Fox, John Hunt, Rev. Thomas Coombe, Charles Jervis, William Drewitt Smith, Owen Jones, Jr., David Lenox, Edward Pennington, William Smith, broker, Charles Eddy, William Imlay, Thomas Gilpin, and Thomas Afflick were taken prisoners and confined.

The advance of the British army under Gen. Howe determined Congress to remove these prisoners into safe quarters in Virginia, whereupon they addressed the following inquiries to Col. Nicola on the subject:

PRISONERS IN MASONIC LODGE TO COL. NICOLA.

The prisoners confined in the Masons' Lodge, having seen orders at eight o'clock last night from the Vice-President and Council to Lewis Nicola, dated 9th September, 1777, which was the notice of the time proposed for their removal, they ask him, or the President and Council through him:

How are we to be sent into banishment?

If in carriages, what sort and how many?

Are we to be furnished with baggage wagons, and how many?

What provisions and stores are provided for so long a journey?

What number of beds and bedding?

Who is to pay our travelling expenses, and for our support during our absence from our families and business?

Are not such of us whose families and affairs require their presence and assistance preparatory to their leaving home, at liberty to repair there, and have the necessary communication with their friends by letter during our absence?

To whose custody are we to be committed when there? And will they have authority to suffer us or one or more of us to visit our families upon a promise to return in case urgent circumstances should require it?

Are we not to have a certified copy of our commitment to that country, and of the orders accompanying it, that we may know in what point of view we are represented, and in what manner we are to be treated?

Are we to have it in our power to apply to the officers of any government in which we may be, for redress of any grievances we may labor under?

Masons' Lodge, Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1777.

To these inquiries very little attention was paid, and on the morning of the 11th September, James Pemberton, Henry Drinker, Israel Pemberton, John Pemberton, Samuel Pleasants, Thomas Wharton, Sr., Thomas Fisher, Samuel Fisher, Miers Fisher, Elijah Brown, John Hunt, Phineas Bond, Charles Jervis,

Lodge No 2 and those of former Lodge No 3 which fortunately fell into the hands of our worthy Brother Capt Wm Cunningham after being stolen out of Lodge No 2, and we the members present of Lodge No 3 and 4 have unanimously,

Resolved, To deposite the aforesaid Jewells Books Papers &c in Lodge No 3 until such time as a Grand Lodge or a Committee of a Grand Lodge be called who shall consider and conclude on delivering the same to the proper person or persons.

Resolved, To take an acct of the same as delivered by Bro Cunningham which was 20 in number a punch ladle, handle broke off, and a few pieces of small lace ripped off the collars of No 2, with a Delft Punch Bowl.

Feby 21, 1778. Bro Alex Bartram of Lodge No 2 informed that our Right Worshipful Grand Master has desired to deliver the Grand Warrant he had from England into Lodge No 3, the Master and some brethren of No 4 being present, agreed to appoint a Committee to wait on the Grand Master to receive the same.

July 2d, 1778. Bro. Yieldall, who was elected Master of the Lodge last St John's Day, a committee was appointed to enquire into the reason of his not attending, who report that Bro Yieldall said he had the greatest respect for this Lodge and the members thereof, that his reason for not attending is his unfortunately lying under the imputation of being proscribed as a person inimical to the States, therefore declines that pleasure he so much desires, least it should be disagreeable to any brother until that matter is decided and also earnestly requests another Brother may be appointed in his place.

Bro Fegan, our late Junior Warden and Bro Stewart our Secretary having gone with the enemy, Bro Jacob S Howell was appointed Junr Warden and Bro Robt Desilver Secretary, as also Bro Kidd Master in the room of Bro Yieldall

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William Drewitt Smith, Charles Eddy, Thomas Pike, Owen Jones, Jr., Edward Pennington, William Smith, broker, Thomas Gilpin, and Thomas Afflick were brought out of the Masons' Lodge, where they had been confined. Carriages and wagons, to convey them and their baggage, were ready. The City Troop and the detachment of City Guards, detailed for the service, were waiting to receive them. They took their seats in the vehicles, and with the sound of the drum and fife this procession of exiles took their way through the city to the middle ferry.

Dec 14th, 1778. Bro Anthony Yieldall who was elected to preside as Master of this Lodge the preceding six months, but his being proscribed by the Authority of this State as a person Inimical to the United States, he prudently relinquished the Chair least his presence under such predicament should be disgustfull and thereby incommode the Harmony of the Lodge, has this evening produced a legal discharge from the High Court of Justice of this State and was received with the Lodge's full confidence of his innocence and as a respectable Brother.

Bro Peter Sutter also produced his discharge from said Court, and was likewise acknowledged as a worthy member.

Aug 6, 1778 A motion was made to move this Lodge to a private house, the question was put and carried in the affirmative and a committee of three brethren are appointed to seek a convenient house for the purpose.

Sep 3, 1778 The committee appointed last Lodge night to seek a proper place for removing the Lodge to, report, they have a promise of a proper house in Videll's Alley which the owner is to put in proper repair, that they are authorized by this Lodge to take said house for one year and see it properly repaired *

Sep 7. 1778. Capt Stephen Girard was duly balloted for, unanimously approved of, initiated and accordingly paid his dues, twenty dollars, into the hands of the Treasurer.

Dec 23d. 1778. Bro Jacob S Howell and Major Scull were appointed to wait upon No 2 to concurr in a proper move to address his Excellency General Washington to attend the procession next St John's Day who report, that the Masters elect of the different Lodges of this city do personally wait upon Bro Genl Washington and inform of the time, place and mode of the procession.

[This procession took place as designated, and Westcott's History of Philadelphia has the following description:

"While Washington was in Philadelphia at this time the society of Freemasons (Ancient York) held a procession. The Grand Lodge had reorganized in December, and the public celebration was ordered in honor of St. John's Day, on the 28th. In these ceremonies Washington, as a member of the Masonic Order, participated. The contemporary account is interesting:

* The Grand Lodge also met here for several years. Vidall's Alley (or court) runs westward from Second Street about 80 feet south of Chestnut Street.

Monday last, agreeable to the Constitution of the most Ancient and Worshipful Society of Free and Accepted Masons, was celebrated as the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. At nine o'clock in the morning nearly three hundred of the brethren assembled at the College, and at eleven o'clock went in regular procession from thence to Christ Church to attend divine service.

The order of the procession was as follows, viz.:

1. The Sword Bearer.
2. Two Deacons, with blue wands tipt with gold.
3. The three orders, Dorick, Ionick and Corinthian, borne by three brethren.
4. The Holy Bible and Book of Constitutions, on two crimson velvet cushions, borne by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.
5. A reverend brother.
6. Four Deacons, bearing wands.
7. His Excellency our illustrious Brother George Washington, Esq., supported by the Grand Master and his Deputy.
8. The two Grand Wardens, bearing the proper pillars.
9. The Past Masters of the different lodges.
10. The present Masters of lodges.
11. The Senior Wardens, } of the different private lodges.
12. The Junior Wardens, } of the different private lodges.
13. The Secretaries, } of the different private lodges.
14. The Treasurers, } of the different private lodges.
15. Brother Proctor's band of music.
16. Visiting brethren.
17. The members of different lodges, walking two and two, according to seniority.

The procession entered the church in the order of their march, and the brethren took their seats in the pews of the middle aisle, which were kept empty for their reception. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. White, and the following anthem was sung in its proper place by sundry of the brethren, accompanied by the organ and other instrumental music, viz.:

A GRAND SYMPHONY.

CHORUS.

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity.

SOLO.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord! with my whole heart
secretly among my brethren, and in the congregation
will I praise Thee: I will speak the marvel-
lous works of Thy hands, the Sun,
the Moon, and the Stars,
which Thou hast
ordained.

SOLO.

The people that walked in darkness hath seen a great light, and
on them that dwelt in the land of the shadow of
death doth the glorious light
of Jehovah
shine.

SOLO.

Thou hast gathered us from the East, and from the West, from
the North, and from the South; Thou hast made us
companions for the mighty upon earth, even
for princes of great nations.

TRIO.

O! I Am! inspire us with wisdom and strength, to support
us in all our troubles, that we may worship Thee
in the beauty of holiness.

After which a most excellent and well-adapted sermon was preached by our worthy and reverend Brother William Smith, D.D. The text was taken from the 1st Peter, 2d chapter, and 16th verse. The brethren have since requested the sermon to be published, and the profits to be applied to the use of the poor.

After divine service the procession returned in the same order to the College; the musical bells belonging to the church and the band of music playing proper Masonic tunes. The brethren being

all new clothed, and the officers in their proper jewels of their respective lodges, and their other badges of dignity, made a genteel appearance.

The brethren afterwards departed to their respective lodges, where they dined together with their usual harmony and sociability; the sum of four hundred pounds having been collected in church among the brethren and others, their charitable fellow-citizens who honored them with their company, for the relief of the poor.

N. B.—Such charitable brethren and others who have not yet had an opportunity of contributing their mite, are requested to send the same to any of the following gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. William Ball, John Wood, John Howard, and William Shute, to whom objects of charity, bringing proper recommendations to the house of Mr. Ball, in Market street, after New Year's day, between the hours ten and twelve in the forenoon, are to apply."]

June 19, 1779.—Bros. Jacob S. Howell, Peter Baynton, James Bryson, Burd, Peter Scull, Young, Leaming, Alex. Nesbitt, Alricks, and Brown, presented a petition to this Lodge, requesting their concurrence in allowing the said brethren to separate themselves from this Lodge on account of its being so numerous, with intention to form themselves into a new body.

The petition was unanimously granted, and ordered that a copy of the minutes of this night, signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary, be presented to the R. W. G. M., in order to procure his dispensation for that purpose.*

Oct. 30th, 1780.—Mr. Harry Gieger was initiated in this Lodge, returned and gave thanks to the Lodge, and paid his initiation fee of 750 dollars into the hands of the Secretary."

Gradually the membership of the Lodges subordinate to the two Grand Lodges in this city, became merged, the Ancients receiving and re-making the Moderns. The records of the Grand Lodge contain the names of Modern Masons who were subsequently identified with the Ancients. The most notable instance of this is the case of Bro. Wm. Smith, Provost of the University, who was a

* This charter was granted as No. 13, to be held at Philadelphia.

Modern in 1755, and afterwards became Grand Secretary of the Ancients.

The following are the places in which Lodge meetings have been held in Philadelphia:

1730. The Tun, or Sun, or Hoop Tavern, situated on the east side of what was known as King Street, now Water Street, between Chestnut and Walnut Streets, at the corner of the then Wilcox's Alley, afterwards known as Tun Alley.

1735. Indian King Hotel, south side of High Street, now Market Street, below Third Street, southwest corner of Biddle's Alley, now Bank Street.

1749. Royal Standard Tavern, High Street, now Market Street, near Second Street.

1754. Freemasons' Lodge, Norris's Alley, afterwards Lodge Alley, west of Second Street below Chestnut.*

1777. City Tavern, Second Street above Walnut, west side.

1786. House in Vidall's Alley, Second Street below Chestnut.

1790. Free Quaker's Meeting House, southwest corner Fifth and Arch Streets, now Apprentices' Library building.

1799. State House (Independence Hall), second story.

1802. Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, 814 Filbert Street.

1807. Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, below Eighth. Destroyed by fire in 1819.

1819. Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, 814 Filbert Street.

1820. Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street. Rebuilt after fire.

1835. Washington Hall, Third Street above Spruce.

1855. New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street.

1873. New Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets.

Through the kindness of M. W. Bro. Marshall B. Smith, Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, we present, as a frontispiece to this volume, the portrait of the first Grand Master in America, Bro. Daniel Coxe. This magnificent work of art was engraved at great expense for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and is kindly loaned by them, through Grand Master Smith, for this purpose.

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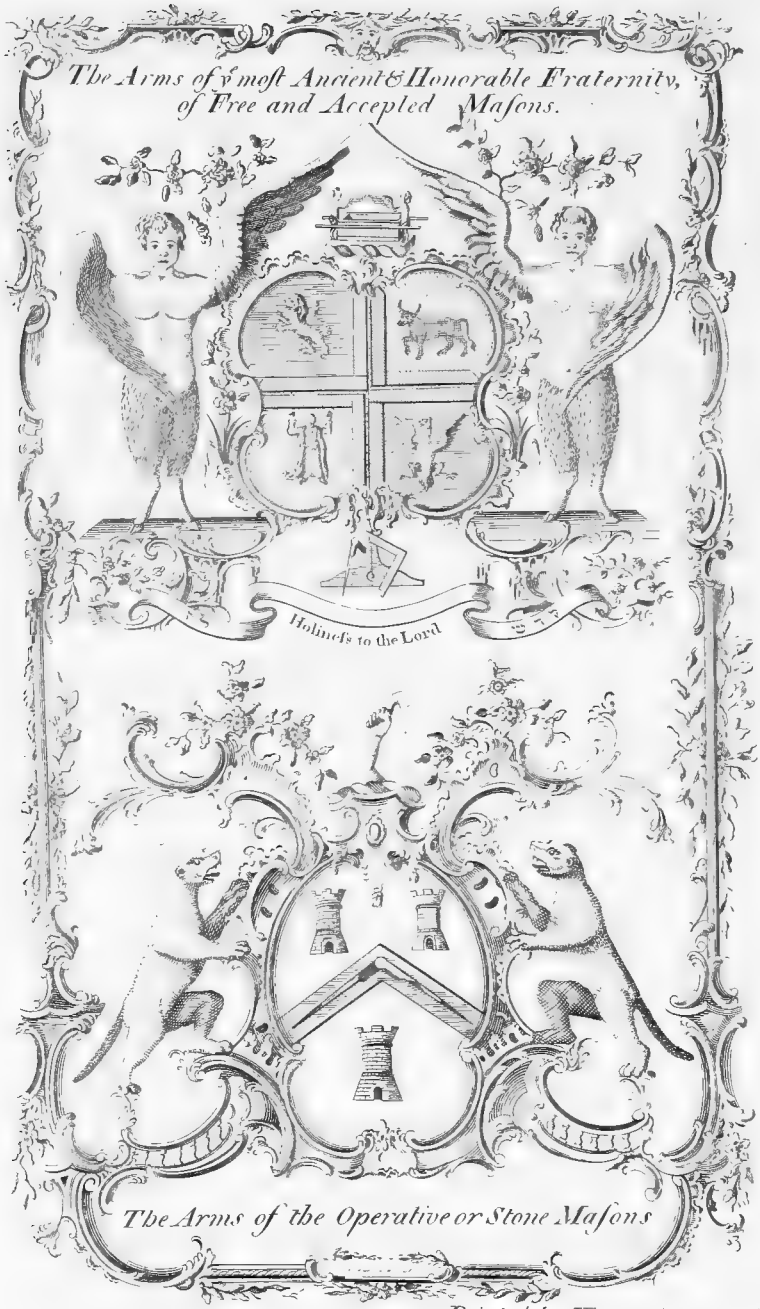
* A Sublime Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, met in this house in 1781, but afterwards fitted up rooms for themselves in a house in Blackhorse Alley. They also met in a house in Vidall's Alley.

Fraternally submitted this 25th day of September, 1877, being the Anniversary of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
On behalf of
MARK RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
JOHN L. YOUNG,
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, M.D.,
WILLIAM H. BURKHARDT,
JAMES S. BARBER,
JOSIAH FRANK KNIGHT,
LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.



FROM ORIGINAL PLATE OF AHIMAN REZON, PENNSYLVANIA, 1783.

THE

AHIMAN REZON,

PREPARED BY WILLIAM SMITH.

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

1783.

THE copy of the Ahiman Rezon, from which the following is printed, was the property of Grand Secretary Baker.

In 1815 a committee was appointed to revise the Ahiman Rezon. This committee used as their guide the foregoing copy, and throughout its contents remarks will be found, made by the Committee of Revision, in the handwriting of Bro. George A. Baker (the elder), R. W. Grand Secretary. In making the copy we have carefully noted the changes then suggested.

INSCRIPTION ON FIRST BLANK PAGE OF BOOK.

"This Book is the property of the Grand Lodge. I received it this Day from Brother G^d^ Secretary for the use of the Committee appointed on Monday last to revize it, &c.

"APRIL 5TH, 5815.

"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS."*

TITLE PAGE.

"AHIMAN REZON | abridged and digested: | as a | Help to all that are, or would be | Free and Accepted Masons. | To which

* Bro. Duplessis was Deputy Grand Master for 1811–12. Declined a re-election December 7th, 1812. April 3d, 1815, Bro. Duplessis, Bayse Newcomb, and Josiah Randall were appointed a committee to take into consideration and report the most expedient plan for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Ahiman Rezon.

is added | A SERMON, | Preached in Christ-Church, Philadelphia, | At a General Communication, | Celebrated, agreeable to the Constitutions, on | Monday, December 28, 1778, | as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. | Published by order of | the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, | By William Smith, D.D. | Philadelphia: | Printed by Hall and Sellers. | M,DCC,LXXXIII."

APPROVAL OF GRAND LODGE. ON BACK OF TITLE.

"Grand Lodge of *Pennsylvania. November* 22, 1781. *The* ABRIDGEMENT *of the Book of* CONSTITUTIONS *being read, the same was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be printed; and also, that the Thanks of this* GRAND LODGE *be given to our beloved Brother, the Reverend* WILLIAM SMITH, D.D., Grand Secretary, *for the great Care and Attention he has bestowed in revising and abridging the said Book of* CONSTITUTIONS. Extract from the Minutes, JOSEPH HOWELL, jun. *D. G. Secr'y.*"

DEDICATION. FACING THE APPROVAL.

"To his Excellency George Washington, Esq. General and Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America: In *Testimony*, as well of his exalted Services to his Country, as of that noble Philanthropy which distinguishes Him among Masons, the following Constitutions of the most ancient and honourable Fraternity of *Free and Accepted Masons*, by Order and in Behalf of the Grand Lodge of *Pennsylvania*, &c., is dedicated, *by his Excellency's most humble Servant, and faithful Brother*, William Smith, G. Secretary. *June* 24, 1782."

PREFACE.

"Preface. The design of the following work (according to the appointment of the *Grand Lodge*) is only to extract, abridge and digest under distinct heads, the several parts of AHIMAN REZON, so as to be most intelligible and useful to OPERATIVE MASONS in America. The officers of Lodges, and those members who wish to be more compleatly learned in the grand science and sublimer mysteries of ANCIENT MASONRY, will think it their duty, as opportunities offer, to furnish themselves, or their Lodges, with at least *one copy* of all approved and duly

authorised books of *Masonry*, which may be published by the learned Lodges, or illustrious brethren, in different languages and countries of the world, from time to time.

"UPON this plan, therefore, it will not be necessary to detain the reader with any long account of the *antiquity* of the *Royal Art.* Certain it is, that when the *first man* was formed in the *image of God*, the principles of *Masonry*, as a divine gift from heaven, were stamped upon his heart by the GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE. The same principles were afterwards renewed and placed upon everlasting foundations, by the wisdom of his glorious Son; and they are daily cultivated in every soul that delights in order, harmony, brotherly love, morality and religion, through the grace and goodness of his DIVINE SPIRIT—THRICE BLESSED THREE, *in one eternal* GOD-HEAD!

"THUS instructed from above, the sublime operative and mechanic part of Masonry was practised by Adam in the bowers of Paradise, and propagated among chosen men of his posterity, in a lesser or greater degree of perfection, through the different nations of the world (as learned brethren have fully shewn) nor was the noble art lost by the *Israelites* either during their peregrination in Egypt, or journeyings in the desarts of Arabia. For there it pleased the supreme Architect to inspire those great *Master Masons*, BEZALEEL and AHOLIAB, and to put 'wisdom and 'understanding into their heart, and to teach them how to work 'all manner of work, for the service of the **Sanctuary*, and 'erecting that most glorious Tent or *Tabernacle*, wherein the 'divine Shechinah vouchsafed to promise a special residence; 'which, although not of stone or brick, was framed by *Geome-'try*, a most beautiful piece of architecture (and afterwards the 'model of SOLOMON'S Temple) according to the pattern that God 'had shewn to MOSES in the Mount.'

"AND thus Moses, a man supremely skill'd in all the Egyptian learning, who, to his other titles, added that of King of *Jesurun*, being divinely taught in the *art of building*, became GRAND

* Exodus xxxvi.

MASTER-MASON OR BUILDER among the Israelites, 'and often mar-'shalled them into a regular and *general Lodge*, while in the 'wilderness; and gave them wise *charges* and *orders*, had they 'been but well *observed*.'—But of this no more must be mentioned.

"WE pass on to speak more particularly of SOLOMON'S Temple, at the building of which, under the divine direction, were displayed, in an unparalleled degree, all the glory, beauty and sublimity of Masonry; there being no fewer than **three thousand six hundred* MASTER MASONS, *eighty thousand* FELLOW CRAFTSMEN, and *seventy thousand* LABOURERS, employed in this magnificent and Heaven-conducted work.

"BUT above all the rest, our GRAND MASTER HIRAM shone superlatively great, as *chief Director*, and the most accomplished *Mason* upon earth. For to this character of him the holy Scripture gives testimony, in the recommendatory letter which HIRAM, King of Tyre, sent with him to King SOLOMON,—'And now 'I have sent a *cunning* man, endued with understanding, the 'son of a woman of the daughters of *Dan;* and his father was a 'man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold and in silver, in brass, in 'iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue and in fine linen, 'and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to 'find out every device which shall be put to him with thy *cun-'ning men* and with the *cunning men* of my Lord DAVID, thy 'Father.'†

"THUS we see that our GREAT MASTER HIRAM was accomplished in almost every *art and science* then known upon earth; as all those should aspire to be, who wish to become *useful Masons*, the *Masters* of LODGES, and the *Rulers* or Instructors of others. It is here further to be observed, that so highly was this CHIEF OF MASONS honoured by his master the King of Tyre, that in all probability he had called him HIRAM, or HURAM, after his own royal name.

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* 1 Kings v. 15; 2 Chron. xi. 18. † 2 Chron. ii. 13, 14.

"It would be foreign to our present design (as already hinted) to mention the illustrious Masons that in all ages, from the building of Solomon's Temple down to the ages of general darkness and barbarity, have adorned the different countries of the world; as *Syria*, *Mesopotamia*, *Assyria*, *Chaldea*, *Babylonia*, *Media*, *Persia*, *Arabia*, *Africa*, lesser *Asia*, *Grecia*, *Rome*, &c. &c. The remains of temples, pyramids and mighty towers, yet declare their builders' glory; and, even in *Gothic* ages, the chief monuments of taste and grandeur are to be seen in the works of *Masonry and Architecture.*

"Seven hundred years ago, William, called the Conqueror, built the Tower of London; his son William Rufus, built *Westminster Hall;* which, as one room or *Lodge*, is said to be the largest in the known world;—which grand monuments of *Gothic Architecture* were all raised in the taste and spirit, delivered down from those ancient Craftsmen and learned Masons sent into England, at the request of the Saxon Kings, by Charles Martell, King of *France*, more than *one thousand* years ago.

"But for the further instruction of the reader, concerning the foundation and *antiquity* of what is called York Masonry, the following record, written in the reign of *Edward* IV. of England, viz. three hundred years ago, is here inserted; which, with another famous record, published by the great Philosopher John Locke, Esq.; (and likewise herein after inserted) will be enough on this subject.

"'Although the ancient records of the brotherhood in *Eng-*
'*land* were many of them destroyed or lost in the wars of the
'*Saxons* and *Danes*, yet it is known that King Athelstan, the
'grandson of Alfred the Great, who was a mighty architect,
'the first true King of England, and who translated the holy
'Bible into the Saxon tongue, when he had brought the land
'into rest and peace, built many great works, and encouraged
'many Masons from *France*, who were appointed overseers
'thereof, and brought with them the *charges and regulations* of
'the Lodges preserved since the *Roman* times. These Masons
'likewise prevailed with the King to improve the Constitution

'of the *English* Lodges according to the foreign model, and to 'encrease the wages of *working Masons.*

"'THE said King ATHELSTAN'S youngest son EDWIN being 'taught *Masonry*, and taking upon him the *charges* of a MASTER 'MASON, for the love he had to the said craft, and the honourable 'principles whereon it is grounded, purchased a *free charter* of 'his father; giving the Masons a right of *correction* among them-'selves (as it was anciently expressed) or a freedom and power 'to *regulate themselves*, to *amend what might happen amiss*, *and* '*to hold an Yearly Communication*, or *General Assembly.*

"'IN virtue of this charter, Prince EDWIN summoned all the 'MASONS in England to meet him in a CONGREGATION at YORK; 'who accordingly attended his summons, and composed a GEN-'ERAL LODGE, of which he was GRAND MASTER; and having 'brought with them and collected together all the writings and 'records which were extant concerning MASONRY (some in Latin, 'some in French, and other languages) from the contents of the 'whole, that Assembly or *grand Congregation* did frame the 'CONSTITUTION and CHARGES of the *English* or great ancient 'YORK LODGE; and made a law to preserve and observe the 'same in all future time, ordaining likewise good pay for work-'ing Masons.—And the said *constitution*, *charges and laws*, hav-'ing been afterwards seen and perused by Henry the VI. and 'by the Lords of his Council (most of whom were Masons) were 'consented to and allowed to be right, good and reasonable to 'be holden, as they were thus drawn out and collected from the 'records of ancient times.' The great Philosopher, Mr. LOCKE, already mentioned, likewise tells us that the famous manuscript, on the antiquity of *Free Masonry*, found in the Bodleian Library (herein after published) is said to have been originally in 'the hand-writing of the same King Henry.'

"'TIS true, while this Prince was an infant, and his Parliament, it is believed, not very wise (*learning* being then deemed a crime, and *Geometry* passing for *Conjuration*) a law was passed which deprived Masons of some of their ancient *charter privileges*, by forbidding them 'to confederate themselves in Chapters and Congregations.'

"'WHEREAS (says the law) by yearly Congregations and Con-'federacies, made by the *Masons* in their General Assemblies, 'the good course and effect of the statutes for labourers be 'openly violated and broken, in subversion of the law, and to 'the great damage of all the commons, our Sovereign Lord the 'King, willing in this case to provide a remedy, by the advice 'and assent aforesaid, and at the special request of the commons, 'hath ordained and established that such *Chapters and Congre-'gations* shall not hereafter be holden; and if any such be made, 'that they cause such Chapters and Congregations to be assem-'bled and holden, if they thereof be convict, shall be judged for 'felons, and that the other *Masons* that come to such Chapters 'and Congregations be punished by imprisonment of their bodies, 'and make fine and ransom at the King's will.'——*Co. Inst.* 3.

"BUT, as was said before, this Parliament does not seem to have been made up of many *wise heads*, and tradition informs us also that they were too much influenced by the ignorant *Monks* and illiterate *Clergy* (not like those of modern days, or of the early ages, who were many of them eminent *Masons* and friends to *Masons*) but a sett of men, who thought they had a right to know all men's *secrets*, by means of *confession;* and therefore hated the *Masons*, and represented them as dangerous to the state, because they *kept their own secrets*, and made no use of *Confessors* at all. But the King, when he came to man's estate, approved the *Masonic Constitution*, as above set forth, without any regard to the said Act of Parliament; which the great Lord COKE tells us is now of no effect—'For, says he, all 'the Statutes concerning *labourers*, whereunto this act doth re-'fer, are repealed by the Statute V. Eliz. Chap. IV; whereby 'the cause and end of making this Act is taken away, and con-'sequently this act is become of no force or effect; for *cessante 'ratione Legis, cessat ipsa Lex.* And the indictment of *felony* 'upon this Statute must contain, that those *Chapters and Con-'gregations were to the violating and breaking of the good course 'and effect of the Statutes of labourers;* which now cannot be so 'alledged, because these Statutes be repealed.' This quotation is thought to confirm the tradition that this most learned *Judge* really belonged to the ancient *Lodge*, and was a *faithful Brother.*

"WE read further, that *Queen Elizabeth* once entertained some considerable prejudices concerning the truly ancient and honourable body of FREE MASONS. We know it was part of this Queen's character, among all her rare and princely virtues, to be of a jealous temper, with a great curiosity to be *Mistress of all* SECRETS, and an enemy to all meetings or assemblies of her subjects, whose business she was not duly apprized of. Being told by some of her ignorant and busy meddling Courtiers, that the MASONS had secrets that could not be revealed to her, and altho' as a *woman*, she could govern a NATION, yet she could not govern a LODGE, nor be made GRAND MASTER (or MISTRESS) of MASONS; she therefore sent an armed force to break up the *annual Grand Lodge* at YORK, on St. JOHN'S Day, *December* 27th, 1561. Sir *Thomas Sackville*, then *Grand Master*, instead of being dismayed at such an unexpected visit, gallantly told the officers that nothing could give him greater pleasure than seeing them in the *Grand Lodge*, as it would give him an opportunity of convincing them that Free Masonry was the most honourable institution that ever was founded, and truly consonant to LAWS both *divine* and *moral*. The consequence was that he made the chief men *Free Masons;* who, on their return, made an honourable report to the Queen, so that she never more attempted to *dislodge* or disturb them, but esteemed them as a peculiar sort of men, that cultivated peace and friendship, arts and sciences, without meddling in the affairs of Church or State.

"THUS hath Masonry flourished through different ages in the *old world*, and hath obtained a very noble and solid foundation in this *new* or American world. Were it necessary, we might proceed to shew that from this *ancient Fraternity*, 'the Societies 'or Orders of *Warlike Knights*, and even some religious Orders 'and Societies, have borrowed many of their wisest institutions 'and most solemn usages. For none of them were better insti-'tuted, more decently installed, or did more sacredly observe 'their *Laws* and *Charges*, than the *Free* and *Accepted* MASONS 'have done; and therefore their whole body, thus cemented, 'resembles a strong and well-built *Arch*, having as its members 'and parts, for time immemorial, *Princes* and *Nobles*, *Gentlemen*,

'*Clergymen*, *learned Scholars* and *Artists* of the first rank, in all 'countries.'"

(Here follows a Letter of the celebrated Philosopher John Locke, Esq., etc., and "certayne questions," etc., covering twelve pages, which have been omitted.)

"AHIMAN REZON,

"DIGESTED AND ABRIDGED:

"With the Addition of the latest Regulations, for the use of *Operative Masons*, in the American Lodges, &c."

[The portion corrected, commented on, or amended by the Committee of Revision of 1815, will be placed in [brackets] throughout the present work.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE]

"CHAP. I.

"*Of the* TEMPER *and* QUALITIES *requisite in those who would be* FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

"BEFORE we enter upon the duties of the *operative Mason*, in the various offices and stations to which he may be called in the LODGE, it is proper to give some account of the *temper* and *qualities* which are absolutely requisite in all who aspire to partake of the sublime honours and advantages, belonging to those who are duly initiated into the *mysteries*, and instructed in the *art* of ANCIENT MASONRY.

"SECT. I. *Concerning* GOD *and* RELIGION.

"WHOEVER, from love of knowledge, interest, or curiosity, desires to be a *Mason*, is to know that, as his foundation and great corner-stone, he is to believe firmly in the ETERNAL GOD, and to pay that worship which is due to him, as the great *Architect* and *Governor* of the universe. A Mason is also obliged, by his tenure, to observe the moral law, as a true *Noachida**; and if

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* SONS of Noah; the first name for Free-Masons.

he rightly understands the royal art, he cannot tread in the irreligious paths of the unhappy *libertine*, the *deist*,* or stupid *atheist;* nor, in any case, act against the great inward light of his own conscience.

"He will likewise shun the gross errors of bigotry and superstition; making a due use of his own reason, according to that liberty wherewith a *Mason is made free.* For although, in ancient times, the *Christian Masons* were CHARGED to comply with the *Christian* usages of the countries where they sojourned or worked (being found in all nations, and of divers religions and persuasions) yet it is now thought most expedient that the brethren in general should only be CHARGED to adhere to the *essentials* of religion in which all men agree; leaving each brother to his own private judgment, as to particular modes and forms. Whence it follows, that all Masons are to be *good men and true*—men of honour and honesty, by whatever religious names or persuasions distinguished; always following that golden precept of 'doing unto all men (upon a change of conditions) they would that all men should do unto them.'

"Thus, since Masons, by their tenure, must agree in the three great articles of Noah, Masonry becomes the center of union among the brethren, and the happy means of conciliating, and cementing into one body, those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance; thereby strengthening and not weakening the divine obligations of RELIGION and LOVE!

"Sect. II. *Concerning Government and the Civil Magistrate.*

"Whoever would be a true Mason is further to know that, by the rules of his art, his obligations as a subject and citizen will not be relaxed but enforced. He is to be a lover of quiet, peaceable and obedient to the civil powers, which yield him protection, and are set over him where he resides or works; so far as they infringe not the limited bounds of reason and religion. Nor can a real craftsman ever be concerned in plots against the

* The *deist*, erased by committee.—L. C.

state, or be disrespectful to the magistracy; because the welfare of his country is his peculiar care.

"But if any brother, by forgetting for a time the rules of his craft, and listening to evil councils, should unhappily fall into a contrary conduct, he is not to be countenanced in his crimes or rebellion against the state; but he forfeits all benefits of the Lodge, and his fellows would refuse to associate or converse with him in private, while he continues in his crimes; that neither offence nor umbrage may be given to lawful government. But such a person is still considered as a *Mason*, his character as such being indefeasible; and hopes are to be entertained, that the rules of the craft may again prevail with him over every evil council and device that may have led him astray.

"From this quiet and meek temper of true Masons, and their constant desire to adorn the countries where they reside with all useful arts, crafts and improvements, they have been, from the earliest ages, encouraged and protected by the wisest rulers of states and commonwealths, who have likewise thought it an honour to have their names enrolled among the fraternity. And thus *Masonry* having always flourished most in the most flourishing and peaceable times of every country, and having often suffered in a particular manner through the calamitous effects of war, bloodshed and devastation, the craftsmen are therefore the more strongly engaged to act agreeable to the rules of their art, in following *peace* and *love*, as far as possible, with all men.

"Sect. III. *Concerning private Qualities and Duties.*

"In regard to himself, whoever would be a *Mason* should know how to practice all the private virtues. He should avoid all manner of *intemperance* or excess, which might obstruct his performance of the laudable duties of his craft, or lead him into crimes which would reflect dishonour upon the ancient fraternity. He is to be industrious in his profession, and true to the Lord and Master he serves. He is to labour justly, and not to eat any man's bread for nought; but to pay truly for his meat

and drink. What leisure his labour allows, he is to employ in studying the arts and sciences with a diligent mind, that he may the better perform all his duties (as aforesaid) to his Creator, his country, his neighbour and himself. For in a few words, —'To walk humbly in the sight of God, to do justice and love mercy,' are the true indispensable characteristics of a real *free and accepted Mason.*

"For the better attainment of these shining qualities, he is to seek and acquire, as far as possible, the virtues of patience, meekness, self-denial, forbearance and the like, which give him the command over himself, and enable him to govern his own family with affection, dignity and prudence; at the same time checking every disposition injurious to the world, and promoting that love and service, which brethren, of the same *Lodge* or household, owe to each other. Therefore, to afford succour to the distressed, to divide our bread with the industrious poor, and to put the misguided traveller into the way, are qualities inherent in the craft, and suitable to its dignity. But though a Mason is never to shut his ear unkindly to the complaints of any of the human species; yet when a brother is oppressed or suffers, he is in a more peculiar manner called to open his whole soul in love and compassion to him, and to relieve without prejudice, according to his capacity.

"It is further necessary that all who would be true *Masons* should learn to abstain from all malice and slander, evil-speaking, backbiting, unmannerly, scornful, provoking, reproachful and ungodly language; and that he should know how to obey those who are set over him on account of their superior qualifications as Masons, however inferior they may be in worldly rank or station. For although Masonry divests no man of his temporal honours, or titles, but on the contrary highly respects them, yet, in the Lodge, pre-eminence of virtue and knowledge in the royal art is considered as the true fountain of all nobility, rule and government.

"The last quality and virtue which I shall mention, as absolutely requisite in those who would be Masons, is that of

SECRECY; which indeed, from its importance, ought to have held the first place in this chapter, if it had not been intended to treat of it more fully, as a conclusion of the whole.

"So GREAT stress is laid upon this particular quality or virtue, that it is enforced among Masons under the strongest penalties and obligations; nor, in their esteem, is any man to be counted WISE, who is void of intellectual strength and ability sufficient to cover and conceal such *honest secrets* as are committed to him, as well as his own more serious affairs. Both sacred and profane history teacheth us that numerous virtuous attempts have failed of their intended scope and end, through defect of *secret concealment.*

"THE ancient philosophers and wise men (the Princes of whom were *Masons*) were so fully persuaded of the great virtue of SECRECY, that it was the first lesson which they taught their pupils and followers. Thus, in the school of *Pythagoras*, we find it was a rule that every *noviciate* was to be silent for a time, and refrain from speaking, unless when a question was asked; to the end that the valuable secrets which he had to communicate might be the better preserved and valued. *Lycurgus* made a perpetual law, obliging every man to keep secret whatever was committed to him, unless it were to the injury of the state. And *Cato*, the Roman Censor, told his friends, that of *three* things (if ever he happened to be guilty) he always repented, viz.—1st. *If he divulged a secret;* 2d. If he went on water, when he might stay on dry land; and 3d. If he suffered a day to pass without doing (or endeavouring to do) some GOOD. We also read that the Persian law punished the betraying of a *secret* more grievously than any other common crime.

"NOR is the virtue of SECRECY recommended only by the wisest *heathen* philosophers and law-givers; but likewise by the fathers of the church, and by *inspired* writers and law-givers.

"ST. AMBROSE places the *patient gift of* SILENCE among the principal foundations of virtue; and the wise King SOLOMON deems the man unworthy to reign or have any rule over others,

who cannot command himself, and keep his own secrets. A discoverer of *secrets* he deems infamous and a traitor; but him that conceals them he accounts a *faithful brother*. 'A tale-bearer, 'says he, revealeth secrets; but he that is of a *faithful spirit* con-'cealeth them. Discover not a *secret* to another, lest he that 'heareth it put thee to shame, and thine *infamy* turn not away—'He that keepeth his tongue, keepeth his own soul.'—To the same purpose, in the book of Ecclesiasticus (chap. xxvii) we meet with the following beautiful passages, worthy to be for ever recorded in the hearts of all Masons.——

"'Whosoever discovereth *secrets*, loseth his credit, and shall 'never find a friend to his mind. Love thy friend, and be faith-'ful unto him; but if thou bewrayest his secrets, follow no more 'after him: For as a man hath destroyed his enemy, so hast 'thou lost the love of thy neighbour: As one that letteth a bird 'go out of his hand, so hast thou let thy neighbour go, and shall 'not get him again. Follow after him no more, for he is too 'far off; he is as a roe escaped out of the snare. As for a wound, 'it may be bound up; and after reviling there may be reconcile-'ment: *but he that bewrayeth secrets, is without hope.*'

"THUS far hath been spoken of the *internal qualities* and *virtues* required in all who aspire to the sublime honour and advantage of becoming *free* and *accepted Masons*. We speak next of the *external qualities*, and the steps to be pursued, in order to obtain *initiation* and *admission* into a duly warranted *Lodge* of *ancient York-Masons*.

"BE it known to you then, in the first place, That no person is capable of becoming a member of such a Lodge, unless (in addition to the qualities and virtues mentioned above, or at least a disposition and capacity to seek and acquire them) he is also 'free born; of mature and discreet age; of good report; of 'sufficient natural endowments and the senses of a *man;* with 'an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible way of ac-'quiring an honest livelihood, and of working in his craft, as 'becomes the members of this most ancient and honourable fra-'ternity, who ought not only to earn what is sufficient for them-

'selves and families, but likewise something to spare for works 'of charity, and for supporting the ancient grandeur and dignity 'of the royal craft. Every person desiring admission must also 'be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, at the time 'of making, but of hale and entire limbs, as a MAN ought to be.'

[To the above a reasonable extent only should be given.]

"THUS, you see, a strict (although private and impartial) enquiry will be made into your character and ability, before you can be admitted into any Lodge; and by the rules of Masonry, no friend, who may wish to propose you, can shew you any favour in this respect. But if you have a friend who is a Mason, and is every way satisfied in these various points and particulars, his duty is described as follows, viz.——

"SECT. IV. *Concerning the proposing new Members in a Lodge.*

"'EVERY person desirous of being made a *free Mason* in any Lodge shall be *proposed* by a member thereof, who shall give an account of the candidate's name, age, quality, title, trade, place of residence, description of his person, and other necessary requisites, as mentioned in the foregoing sections. And it is generally required that such *proposal* be also *seconded* by some one or more members, who likewise know something of the candidate. Such proposal thall also be made in Lodge *hours,

[The candidate's position should always be conformable to the above rule.]

at least one Lodge-night before initiation; in order that the brethren may have sufficient time and opportunity to make a strict enquiry into the morals, character and circumstances of the candidate; for which purpose, a special committee is sometimes appointed.'

[The word should be "*generally*" instead of "*sometimes.*"]

"'THE brother who proposes a candidate shall, at the same time, deposit such a sum of money for him as the rules or bye-

* THAT is from March 25th to September 25th, between the hours of seven and ten; and from September 25th to March 25th, between the hours of six and nine.

laws of the Lodge may require; which is forfeited to the Lodge if the candidate should not attend according to his proposal; but is to be returned to him if he should not be approved or elected. In case he is elected, he is to pay (in addition to his deposit) such further sum as the laws of the Lodge may require, and cloathe the Lodge, or make some other present, if his circumstances will admit, and the brethren agree to accept the same for the benefit of the craft, and of distressed members.'

[The above has been very properly omitted, etc.]

"Having shewn that a strict enquiry will be made into your character, justice requires that you should also be advised to be alike circumspect on your side, and to make enquiry into the character of the Lodge into which you desire admission; for there is no *excellence* without its *opposite*, and no true *coin* without *counterfeits*.

"In the first place, then, you have a right, before admission, to desire your friend to shew you the *warrant* or *dispensation* by which the Lodge is held; which, if genuine, you will find to be an instrument printed or written upon parchment, and signed by some noble *Grand Master*, his Deputy, and Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary; sealed with the Grand Lodge Seal; constituting particular persons (therein named) as *Masters* and *Wardens*, with full power to congregate and hold a Lodge at such a place, and therein 'make and admit Free-Masons, according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the royal 'craft, in all ages and nations, throughout the known world, 'with full power and authority to nominate and chuse their 'successors, &c.'

"You may also request the perusal of the bye-laws, which, being short, you may read in the presence of your friend; or he will read to you, and show you also a list of the members of the Lodge; by all which you will be the better able to judge whether you would chuse to associate with them, and submit to be conformable to their rules. Being thus *free* to judge for yourself, you will not be liable to the dangers of deception, nor of having your pocket picked by impostors, and of being per-

haps afterwards laughed at into the bargain; but, on the contrary, you will be admitted into a society, where you will converse with men of honour and honesty; be exercised in all the offices of brotherly love; and be made acquainted with *mysteries* of which it is not lawful to speak further, or to reveal, *out of the Lodge.*"

"CHAP. II.

"*Of the* GENERAL REGULATIONS *among ancient York-Masons.*

"HAVING, in the foregoing chapter, treated as briefly as possible 'of the temper and qualities required in those who *wish to become* FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,'—I now proceed (according to our proposed method) to collect, and digest under proper heads, those GENERAL REGULATIONS (*old* as well as *new*) which more immediately concern *operative Masons;* avoiding prolixity, and the insertion of such *old* regulations as are explained or supplied by subsequent ones, universally received and now in force in all the Lodges.

"SECT. I. *Concerning a* LODGE *and its Government.*

"1. A LODGE is a place in which Masons meet to work. The assembly, or organized body, of *Masons*, is also called a *Lodge;* just as the word CHURCH is expressive both of the congregation of people, and of the place in which they meet to worship.

"2. THE qualities requisite in those who are to be admitted as members of a *Lodge* have been fully mentioned in the foregoing chapter; and it is only necessary to repeat here in general that they are to be 'men of good report, free-born, of ma-

[N.B.—In many cases the above dispensation would be attended with the worst consequences, because minors might be considered thereby as of age, agreeably to general rules, and contract engagements which they could not be forced to pay if a.]

'ture* age, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the 'time of their making, and no woman or eunuch.'

[This word (or eunuch) should be left out, also the word "woman." It must be understood that every Mason must be a man.]

"3. A LODGE ought to assemble for work at least once in each kalendar month; and must consist of *one* MASTER, *two* WARDENS, senior and junior, *one* SECRETARY, *one* TREASURER, and as many members as the Master and the majority of the Lodge shall from time to time think proper; although more than forty or fifty (when they can attend regularly, as the wholesome rules of the craft require) are generally found inconvenient for working to advantage, and therefore, when a *Lodge* comes to be thus numerous, some of the ablest master-workmen, and others under their direction, will obtain leave to separate and apply to the Grand Lodge for a *warrant* to work by themselves, in order to the further advancement of the craft, as the laws hereafter to be delivered will more particularly shew. But such warrant cannot be granted to any number of Masons, nor can a new *Lodge be formed*, unless there be among them THREE *Master Masons* to be nominated and installed officers, for governing and instructing the brethren of such Lodge, and promoting them in due time according to their merit.

"4. WHEN men of eminent quality, learning, rank or wealth, apply to be *made* and admitted into the Lodge, they are to be accepted with proper respect, after due examination; for among such are often found those who afterward prove good Lords, or Founders, of work; excellent officers and the ablest designers, to the great honour and strength of the *Lodge*. From among them also the fraternity can generally have some noble, honourable or learned GRAND MASTER, and other GRAND OFFICERS.†

* THAT is, of the age of *twenty-one;* and this is a proper rule for general observation, before a person can be advanced to the sublime degree of *Master Mason;* yet, in America, where persons come sooner to maturity than in the more northern European countries, this rule is sometimes dispensed with, especially in favour of persons going abroad or to travel.

† [There are but four Grand Officers, the Grand Master and his Deputy and the two Grand Wardens. The Secretary, Treasurer, etc., are only officers of the Grand Lodge, and, except Secretary and Treasurer, may be appointed by the presiding officers at every Grand Communication, etc.]

But still those brethren are equally subject to all the charges and regulations, except in what more immediately concerns operative Masons; and their preferment, as well as the preferment of all other Masons, must be governed by the *general rule;* that is to say, founded upon real worth and personal merit, and not upon mere seniority or any other particular rank or quality.

"5. In order that due decorum be observed, while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn, and for the better preservation of secrecy and good harmony, a brother well skilled in the *Master's* part shall be appointed and paid for *tyling* the Lodge door, during the time of communication.

"6. Every Lodge shall keep a book, containing their bye-laws, the names of their members, with a list of all the Lodges under the same *Grand Lodge* and united in *general communication*, with the usual times and places of meeting in such Lodges,

[The underlined (from the word "with" to "Lodges") part has been neglected; it should be enforced.]

and such other necessary parts of their transactions as are *proper to be written.*

"7. No Lodge shall *make* more than five *new* brethren at one time, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master, or Deputy in his absence; nor shall any person be *made* or admitted a member of a Lodge without being proposed *one month* before, that due notice may be given to all the members to make the necessary enquiries into the candidate's character, and that there may be such *unanimity* in the election and admission of members as the laws require; nor can there be any *dispensation* in this case, because unanimity is essential to the *being* of every Lodge, and its own members are the best judges in this matter; for if it were allowed that any *foreign* or even *superior* jurisdiction might impose a fractious or disagreeable member upon them, it might destroy their harmony, and would intrench upon their *liberty*, to the great injury, if not the total dissolution, of such Lodge.

[See the several resolutions passed on that subject.]

"8. Every Lodge has the right to keep itself an *entire body*,

and therefore no number of brethren can withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made, or were afterwards admitted *members*, unless such *Lodge* becomes too numerous for *working;* nor even then, unless they pay up all dues to their Lodge, and give them notice that they intend to apply to the Grand Lodge for a *dispensation* to separate; in which case, if a dispensation is granted, they must either join themselves to such other Lodge as shall unanimously *consent* to receive them; or they must obtain a warrant from the Grand Lodge to form themselves into a *new* Lodge. And no sett of *Masons*, without such *warrant*, shall ever take upon themselves to *work* together, or form any Lodge.

"9. THE majority of every particular Lodge, when duly congregated, have the privilege of instructing their *Master* and *Wardens*, for their conduct in the *Grand Lodge*, and quarterly *communications;* and all particular Lodges, in the same general communication, shall, as much as possible, observe the same rules and usages, and appoint some of their members to *visit* each other in the different Lodges as often as it may be convenient.

[This is hardly ever practised, though the best consequences would necessarily result from such communication between the several Lodges, etc.]

"SECT. 2. *The ancient manner of constituting a Lodge.*

"A NEW Lodge, for avoiding many irregularities, should be solemnly constituted by the *Grand Master*, with his Deputy and Wardens; or, in the Grand Master's absence, the Deputy acts for his Worship, the senior Grand Warden as Deputy, the junior Grand Warden as the senior, and the present Master of a Lodge as the junior: Or if the Deputy is also absent, the Grand Master may depute either of his Grand Wardens, who can appoint others to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore.**

* WHEN *Constitutions* are required, and where the distance is so great as to render it impossible for the Grand Officers to attend, the Grand Master, or his Deputy, issues a written instrument, under his hand and private seal, to some worthy brother (who has been properly installed Master of a Lodge) with full power to congregate, install, and *constitute* the petitioners.

"THE Lodge being opened, and the candidates or new Master and Wardens being yet among the fellow crafts, the Grand Master shall ask his Deputy if he has examined them, and whether he finds the Master well skilled in the noble science and the royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, &c. The Deputy, answering in the affirmative, shall (by the Grand Master's order) take the candidate from amongst his fellows and present him to the *Grand Master*, saying,—'Right Wor-'shipful Grand Master, the brethren here desire to be formed 'into a regular Lodge; and I present my worthy brother A. B. 'to be (installed) their Master, whom I know to be of good 'morals and great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the 'whole fraternity, wheresoever dispersed over the face of the 'earth.'

"THEN the Grand Master, placing the candidate on his left hand, and having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the brethren, shall say (after some other ceremonies and expressions that cannot be written) 'I constitute and form these good 'brethren into a new regular Lodge, and appoint you, brother 'A. B. the MASTER of it, not doubting of your capacity and care 'to preserve the cement of the Lodge, &c.'

"UPON this the Deputy, or some other brother for him, shall rehearse the charge of a Master; and the Grand Master shall ask the Candidate, saying, *Do you submit to these charges as Masters have done in all ages?* And the new Master signifying his cordial submission thereto, the Grand Master shall, by certain *significant ceremonies* and *ancient usages*, INSTALL him, and present him with his Warrant, the *Book of Constitutions*, the Lodge-book, and the instruments of his office, one after another; and after each of them the *Grand Master*, his Deputy, or some brother for him, shall rehearse the short and pithy charge that is suitable to the thing present.

If the Grand Master, or Deputy, be absent, or (through sickness) rendered incapable of acting, the Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary, jointly, may issue a like power under their hands and seal of the Grand Lodge; provided the Grand Master has first signed a warrant for holding such new Lodge; but the Grand Wardens must never issue any Masonical writings under their private seal or seals.

"NEXT, the members of this *new Lodge*, bowing altogether to the *Grand Master*, shall return his Worship their thanks (according to the custom of Masters) and shall immediately do homage to their new Master, and (as faithful craftsmen) signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by usual congratulations.

"THE Deputy and Grand Wardens, and any other brethren that are not members of this *new Lodge*, shall next congratulate the *new Master*, and he shall return his becoming acknowledgments (as Master Masons) first to the Grand Master and grand officers, and to the rest in their order.

"THEN the Grand Master orders the new Master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, and calling forth his senior Warden, a fellow craft* (Master Mason) presents him to the Grand Master for his Worship's approbation, and to the new Lodge for their consent; upon which the senior or junior Grand Warden, or some brother for him, shall rehearse the charge of a Warden, &c. of a private Lodge, and he, signifying his cordial submission thereto, the new Master shall present him singly with the several instruments of his office, and, in ancient manner and due form, install him in his proper † place.

[This proves that the Master must absolutely be installed the first and then proceed, and not any officer can be installed otherwise. This requires no comment.]

"IN like manner, the new Master shall call forth his junior Warden, who shall be a Master Mason, and presented (as above) to the junior Grand Warden, or some other brother in his stead, and shall in the above manner be installed in his proper place; and the brethren of this *new* Lodge shall signify their obedience to these *new* Wardens, by the usual congratulations due to Wardens.

"THE Grand Master then gives all the brethren joy of their

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* THEY were called fellow crafts, because the Masons of old times never gave any man the title of Master Mason until he had first passed the Chair.

† THE Grand Wardens generally *install* the Wardens at new Institutions; as being best qualified for transacting such business.

Master and Wardens, &c. and recommends harmony, &c. hoping their only contention will be, a laudable emulation in cultivating the royal art, and the social virtues.

"THEN the Grand Secretary, or some brother for him (by the *Grand Master's* order) in the name of the Grand Lodge, declares and proclaims this *new Lodge* duly constituted No. , &c.

"UPON which all the new Lodge together (after the custom of Masters) return their hearty and sincere thanks for the honour of this constitution.

"THE Grand Master also orders the Grand Secretary to register this new Lodge in the Grand Lodge book, and to notify the same to the other particular Lodges; and after some other ancient customs and demonstrations of joy and satisfaction, he orders the senior Grand Warden to close the Lodge.

"SECT. III. *Concerning the* BEHAVIOUR *of* MASONS, *as Members of a Lodge.*

"1. *Of Attendance.*

"EVERY brother ought to belong to some regular Lodge, and

[This should be complied with, and a Master Mason has the privilege to apply to any Lodge though refused admission in one or more, unless sufficient reasons be given to deprive him of that benefit, for which he should be tried, etc.]

should always appear therein *properly clothed*, and in clean and decent apparel; truly subjecting himself to all its bye-laws and the *general regulations.* He must attend all meetings, whether *stated* or *emergent*, when duly summoned, unless he can offer to the Master and Wardens such plea of necessity for his absence as the said laws and regulations admit.

"BY the ancient rules and usages of Masonry (which are generally adopted among the bye-laws of every *Lodge*) no plea was judged sufficient to excuse any absentee, unless he could satisfy the Lodge that he was sick, lame, in confinement, upwards of three miles from the place of meeting, or detained by some extraordinary and unforeseen necessity.

"2. *Of Working.*

"ALL Masons should work hard and honestly, on *working days;* that they may live reputably, and appear in a decent and becoming manner *on holidays.* All the working hours appointed by law, or confirmed by custom, are to be strictly observed under the penalties and fines hereafter to be laid down. The hours of working are—'from seven o'clock in the evening till 'ten, between the 25th of March and the 25th of September; 'and from six till nine between the 25th of September and the '25th of March.'

"THE Master and Masons shall faithfully finish the Lord's work, whether task or journey; nor shall they take work at task which hath been accustomed to journey.

"NONE shall envy a brother's prosperity, nor supplant or put him out of his work, if capable to finish it.

"ALL Masons shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, nor desert the Master till the Lord's work is finished. They must avoid all unbecoming modes of expression, calling each other *brother* and *fellow*, both within and without the Lodge, with much courtesy as beseemeth. They shall instruct the younger brothers to become bright and expert workmen, that the Lord's materials may not be spoiled. But, as free and accepted Masons, they must not allow *Cowans* to work with them; nor even be themselves employed by Cowans, without an urgent necessity. And when such necessity happens, they shall have a separate communication, and not suffer Cowans to learn from them; nor any *labourer* to be employed in the proper work of *Free Masons.*

"3. *Of Behaviour in the Lodge, while open.*

"WHILE the Lodge is open for work, *Masons* must hold no private conversation or committees, without leave from the Master; nor talk of any thing foreign or impertinent to the work in hand, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any brother addressing himself to the Chair; nor act ludicrously

while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; but every brother shall pay due reverence to the Master, the Wardens, and all his fellows, and put them to worship.

"EVERY brother found guilty of a fault shall stand to the award of the Lodge, unless he appeals to the Grand Lodge. But if a Lord's work be hindered in the mean while, a particular reference may be made.

"No private piques, or quarrels about nations, families, religions, or politics, must be brought within the doors of the Lodge; as being directly contrary to the rules already laid down—Masons, as such, being there declared to be of the oldest catholic and universally acknowledged religion, likewise of all nations; bound to live upon the square, level and plumb with each other; following the steps of their predecessors in cultivating the peace and harmony of the Lodge, without distinction of sect or political party.

[This should be strictly adhered to.]

"4. *Of Behaviour after the Lodge is closed, and before the Brethren depart Home.*

"WHEN the Lodge is closed, and the labours of the day finished, the brethren, before they depart home to their rest, may enjoy themselves with innocent mirth, enlivened and exalted with their own peculiar *songs* and sublime pieces of music; treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess and compulsion, both in eating and drinking; considering each other, in the hours both of *labour* and *festivity*, as always *free*. And therefore no brother is to be hindered from going home when he pleases; for although, after Lodge hours, Masons are as other men, yet if they should fall into excess, the blame, though unjustly, may be cast upon the fraternity, by the ignorant or the envious world.

"SECT. IV. *Concerning the Behaviour of Masons, in their private Character.*

"1. *When a Number of Brethren happen to meet, without any Strangers among them, and not in a formed Lodge.*

"IN such case you are to salute each other in a courteous manner, as you are, or may be instructed in the Lodge; calling each other brother; and freely communicating hints of knowledge, but without disclosing secrets, unless to those who have given long proof of their taciturnity and honour; and taking care in all your actions and conversation that you are neither overseen or overheard of strangers. In this friendly intercourse, no brother shall derogate from the respect due to another, were he not a Mason. For though all Masons, as brothers, are upon the level, yet Masonry (as was said in a former section) divests no man of the honours due to him before, or that may become due after, he was made a Mason. On the contrary it increases his respect, teaching us to add to all his other honours, those which as Masons we cheerfully pay to an eminent brother; distinguishing him above all of his rank and station, and serving him readily according to our ability.

"2. *When in the Presence of Strangers, who are not Masons.*

"BEFORE those who are not Masons, you must be cautious in your words, carriage and motions; so that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover what is not proper to be intimated. The impertinent and ensnaring questions, or ignorant and idle discourse, of those who seek to pry into the secrets and mysteries committed to you, must be prudently answered and managed, or the discourse wisely diverted to another subject, as your discretion and duty shall direct.

"3. *When at Home and in your Neighbourhood.*

"MASONS ought to be moral men, and fully qualified as is required in the foregoing sections and charges. Consequently they should be good husbands, good parents, good sons and

good neighbours; not staying too long from home, avoiding all excess injurious to themselves or families; and *wise* as to all affairs, both of their own household and of the Lodge, for certain reasons known to themselves.

"4. *Of Behaviour towards a foreign Brother, or Stranger.*

"You are cautiously to examine a stranger or foreign brother, as prudence and the rules of the craft direct, that you may not be imposed upon by a pretender; and if you discover any one to be such, you are to reject him with scorn and shame, taking care to give him no hints. But such as are found to be true and faithful, you are to respect as brothers, according to what is directed above; relieving them, if in want, to your utmost power; or directing them how to find relief, and employing them if you can, or else recommending them to employment.

"6. *Of Behaviour behind a Brother's Back as well as before his Face.*

"Free and accepted Masons have ever been charged to avoid all manner of slandering, and back-biting of true and faithful brethren, with all malice and unjust resentment, or talking disrespectfully of a brother's person or performance. Nor must they suffer any others to spread unjust reproaches or calumnies against a brother behind his back, nor to injure him in his fortune, occupation or character; but they shall defend such a brother, and give him notice of any danger or injury wherewith he may be threatened, to enable him to escape the same, as far as is consistent with honour, prudence, and the safety of religion, morality and the state, but no further.

"7. *Concerning* Differences *and* Law-Suits, *if any such should unhappily arise among Brethren.*

"If a brother do you injury, or if you have any difference with him about any worldly or temporal business or interest, apply first to your *own* or *his Lodge*, to have the matter in dispute adjusted by the brethren. And if either party be not sat-

isfied with the determination of the Lodge, an appeal may be carried to the Grand Lodge; and you are never to enter into a *law-suit*, till the matter cannot be decided as above. And if it be a matter that wholly concerns *Masonry*, law-suits are to be entirely avoided, and the good advice of prudent brethren is to be followed, as they are the best referees of such differences.

"But where references are either impracticable or unsuccessful, and courts of law or equity must at last decide, you must still follow the general rules of Masonry already laid down, avoiding all wrath, malice, rancour and personal ill-will, in carrying on the suit with a brother, neither saying or doing any thing to hinder the continuance or renewal of that *brotherly love* and friendship which are the glory and cement of this ancient fraternity.

"Thus shall we shew to all the world the benign influences of *Masonry*, as wise, true, and *faithful brethren*, before us, have done from the beginning of time; and as all who shall follow us, and would be thought worthy of that name, will do till architecture shall be dissolved, with the great fabric of the world, in the last general conflagration!

"These charges, *and such others as shall be given to you, in a way that cannot be written, you are strictly and conscientiously to observe; and that they may be the better observed, they should be read or made known to* new *brethren at their* making; *and at other times as the Master shall direct.*

"Amen! So mote it be!

"Sect. V. *Of the* Master *of a Lodge, his Election, Office and Duty.*

"No brother can be Master of a Lodge till he has first served the office of *Warden* somewhere; unless in extraordinary cases, or when a *new Lodge* is to be formed, and no past or former Warden is to be found among the members. In such cases, three *Master-Masons*, although they have served in no former

offices (if they be well learned) may be constituted Master and Wardens of such *new Lodge*, or of any *old* Lodge in the like emergency.

"THE Master of every Lodge shall be chosen by ballot on the stated Lodge night, next before each *St. John's Day;* and the present *Wardens* (where they regularly are) shall be put up among the number of candidates for the Chair; but shall then withdraw, while every *free* member (viz. all who have paid up their fines and dues, or have been excused payment according to law) gives his vote in favour of him whom he deems most worthy. Each free member hath one vote, and the Master

[The mode of electing officers should be the same in all subordinate Lodges, as in Grand Lodge being the only one to make a free election, etc.]

two votes, where the number of votes happens to be equal; otherwise he has but one vote.

"WHEN the ballot is closed, and before it be examined, the former Master shall order the candidates to be brought back before him, and to take their seats again as Wardens. He shall then carefully examine the poll, and audibly declare him that hath the majority of votes duly elected.

"THE Master-elect shall then nominate one for the senior Warden's Chair, and the present Master and brethren shall nominate one in opposition; both of whom shall withdraw till the ballot is closed as aforesaid; after which they shall be called before the Master, and the poll shall be examined and declared by him as above directed;—in like manner shall the Lodge proceed in the choice of all the inferior officers; great care being taken that none be put in nomination, for favour or affection, birth or fortune, exclusive of the consideration of real merit, and ability to fill his office for the honour and advancement of Masonry. No Mason chosen into any office can refuse to

[Many Lodges seem to have adopted a custom absolutely contrary, rotation instead of merit, etc., etc. Nothing can do so much injury to Masonry in general, and specially to the Grand Lodge.]

serve, without incurring the penalties laid down in the chapter of fines, unless he has served in the same office before. The

Master of every regular Lodge, thus duly elected and installed, has it in special *charge* (as appurtenant to his office, duty and dignity) to see that all the *bye-laws* of his Lodge, as well as the *general regulations* from the Grand Lodge, be duly observed; that his *Wardens* discharge their office faithfully, and be examples of diligence and sobriety to the craft; that true and exact minutes and entries of all proceedings be made and kept by the *Secretary;* that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts at the stated times, according to the bye-laws and orders of the Lodge; and in general, that all the goods and

[Very few of the Masters of Lodges attend those and the other duties incumbent on them, though they are solemnly bound thereto.]

monies belonging to the body be truly managed and dispensed, as if they were those of his own private household, according to the vote and direction of the majority, whether in charity or in working; and that no more wages than are just be given to any Fellow or Apprentice.

"THE Master shall further take care that no Apprentice or Fellow be taken into his house or Lodge, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and finds him to be the son of honest parents, a perfect youth, without maim or defect in body, of full age,* and otherwise duly qualified (according to the rules

[N B.—There is no such resolution in the minute book, and it appears that there was not any meeting of the Grand Lodge on that day, and there is not any mention of such an order anywhere else.]

before laid down) for learning and understanding the sublime mysteries of the art. Thus shall the Lords or Founders be well served, and the craft not despised. Thus also shall such *Apprentices*, when expert in the business of their apprenticeship, be admitted, upon further improvement, as *Fellow-Crafts;* and, in due time, be raised to the sublime degree of *Master-Masons;* capable themselves to undertake their Lord's work; animated with the prospect of passing in future through all the higher honours of Masonry, viz. those of *Wardens* and *Masters* of their

* At a Grand Lodge, November 27, 1781, it was ordered, that the note, page 28 (page 20), should be repealed, and that no person be made in future under the age of Twenty-one.

Lodges, and perhaps at length of GRAND WARDENS and GRAND MASTERS of all the Lodges, according to their merit.

"THE Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of *calling his Lodge*, or congregating the members into a chapter, at pleasure, upon the application of any of the brethren, and upon any emergency and occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting; and he is to fill the Chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his Wardens, to attend the Grand Lodge at the quarterly communications, and also the Steward's Lodge,* and such occasional or special grand communications as the good of the craft may require, when duly summoned by the Grand Secretary, and within such reasonable distance of the place of holding the Grand Lodge, as the laws of the same may have ascertained on that head. When in the Grand or Steward's Lodge,* and at general as well as special communications, the Master and Wardens, or either of them, have full power and authority to represent their Lodge, and to transact all matters relative thereto, as well and truly as if the whole body were there present.

"THE Master has the right of appointing some brother (who is most commonly the Secretary of the Lodge) to keep the book of *bye-laws*, and other laws given to the Lodge by the proper authority; and in this book shall also be kept the names of all the members of the Lodge, and a list of all the Lodges within the same grand communication, with the usual times and places of their meeting.

[This should be strictly attended to for many reasons known to every learned Mason.]

"THE Master has also the particular right of preventing the removal of his Lodge from one house to another; and whereas several disputes have arisen on this head, and it hath been made a question in whom the power of removing a Lodge to any new place is invested, when the old place of meeting appears to be

* The words "and also the Steward's Lodge, and Steward's Lodge," proposed to be erased.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

inconvenient, the following rule for this purpose hath been finally agreed upon and settled by lawful authority, viz.—

"'THAT no Lodge be removed without the *Master's* knowl-'edge, nor any motion made for that purpose in the Lodge when 'he is absent. But if the Master be present, and a motion be 'made for moving the Lodge to some other more convenient 'place (within the district assigned in the warrant of such Lodge) 'and if the said motion be *seconded* and *thirded*, the Master shall 'order summonses to every individual member of the Lodge, 'specifying the business, and appointing a day for hearing and 'determining the affair, at least ten days before, and the deter-'mination shall be made by the majority. But if the Master is 'not of the majority, the Lodge shall not be removed, unless full 'two-thirds of the members present have voted for such removal.

"'BUT if the *Master* refuse to direct such summons to be 'issued (upon a motion duly made as aforesaid) then either of 'the *Wardens* may direct the same; and if the Master neglects 'to attend on the day fixed, the Warden may preside in deter-'mining the affair in the manner above prescribed. But the 'Lodge shall not, in the Master's absence (on such special call) 'enter upon any other cause or business, but what is particularly 'mentioned in the said summons.

"'IF the Lodge is thus regularly ordered to be removed, the 'Master or Warden shall send notice to the Grand Secretary, 'that such removal may be notified and duly entered in the 'Grand Lodge books at the next Grand Lodge.'

N.B. It is also a good method to have a certificate from the Grand Lodge, that such removal hath been allowed, confirmed and duly registered in their books; which will be a business of course, unless an appeal be lodged against such removal by the minority, and then a hearing will be given to both parties in the Grand Lodge, before such removal be confirmed or registered in their books.

"THE Master's duty in making and admitting *new* brethren,

and some other particular duties of his office, being such as cannot be written, save on the tablet of his heart, are therefore not to be looked for in this place; and moreover, such duties as more particularly belong to the Master and other officers of Lodges, when they sit as members of the Grand Lodge, are to be learned from the *chapter* which treats of the GRAND LODGE.

"SECT. VI. *Of the Wardens of a Lodge.*

"1. NONE but Master-Masons can be *Wardens* of a Lodge. The manner of their election, and several of their duties, being connected with the election and duties of the *Master*, have been mentioned in the former section.

"2. THE *Senior Warden* succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the Chair when he is absent. Or if the *Master* goes abroad on business, resigns, demits or is deposed, the Senior Warden shall forthwith fill his place till the next stated time of election. And although it was formerly held, that in such cases the Master's authority ought to revert to the last past Master who is present, yet it is now the settled rule that the authority devolves upon the *Senior Warden*, and in his absence upon the *Junior Warden*, even although a former Master be present. But the Wardens will generally wave this privi-

[This proves that the Master can resign, etc.]

lege in honour of any past Master that may be present, and will call on him to take the Chair, upon the presumption of his experience and skill in conducting the business of the Lodge. Nevertheless, such past Master still derives his authority under the Senior Warden, and cannot act till he congregates the Lodge.* If none of the officers be present, nor any former Master to take the Chair, the members according to seniority and merit shall fill the places of the absent officers.†

"THE business of the Wardens in the Lodge is, generally, to assist the Master in conducting the business thereof, and man-

* See *old* and *new* Regulations, No. 2.
† See Rules and Orders, No. 13.

aging the craft, in due order and form, when the Master is present; and in doing his duties (as above set forth) when he is necessarily absent; all which is to be learned from the foregoing section. Particular Lodges do likewise, by their *bye-laws*, assign particular duties to their Wardens for their own better government; which such Lodges have a right to do, provided they transgress not the old land-marks, nor in any degree violate the true *genius and spirit of Masonry.*

"SECT. VII. *Of the* SECRETARY *of a Lodge.*

"THE SECRETARY shall keep a regular register or record of all transactions and proceedings of the Lodge, that are fit to be committed to writing; which shall be faithfully entered in the Lodge-books, from the minutes taken in open Lodge, after being duly read, amended (if necessary) and approved of, before the close of every meeting; in order that the said transactions, or authentic copies thereof, may be ready to be laid before the Grand-Lodge, once in every quarter, if required.

[The compliance with this is of the greatest importance, though often neglected, whereby the minutes are often wrong and contrary to the sense of the Lodge]

"IN particular, the Secretary shall keep exact lists of all the Members of the Lodge, with the times of admission of new members; and, upon or near every *St. John's Day*, shall prepare, and send to the Secretary of the *Grand Lodge*, the list of members for the time being, which shall be signed not only by the new installed officers of each Lodge, but also by the last past officers; to the intent that the *Grand Secretary*, and conse-

[This also is important.]

quently the *members of the Grand Lodge*, may be at all times enabled to know the names and number of members in each Lodge under their jurisdiction, with the hand-writing of the different officers; and to pay all due respect to the brethren recommended or certified by them from time to time.

"SECT. VIII. *Of the* TREASURER *of a Lodge.*

"THE *Treasurer* is to receive and keep exact accounts of all

monies raised, or paid in according to rule, for the advancement of the Lodge and benefit of the brethren; and to pay all orders duly drawn upon him by the authority of the Lodge. He is to keep regular entries both of his receipts and disbursements; and to have his books and vouchers always ready for examination at such stated times as the bye-laws require, or when specially called upon by order of the Master and brethren.

"THE Treasurer is likewise to have the charge and custody of the chest, jewels and furniture of the Lodge; unless when the Master and majority may judge it more convenient to appoint some other responsible brother for that particular duty; or when the officers of the Lodge may take the charge immediately upon themselves. The *warrant* in particular is in the charge and custody of the MASTER.

[Many Masters are in the habit of leaving their warrant with the Tyler, which should be prevented, etc]

"SECT. IX. *Of the* TYLER *of a Lodge.*

"THE *Tyler* shall be a *Master-Mason*, of knowledge and experience; and generally a brother is to be preferred, to whom the fees of the office may be necessary and serviceable, on account of his particular circumstances. His duty is fixed by custom and known to every brother; and his chief charge is, not to admit any person (not even a member, while the Lodge is sitting) without the knowledge and consent of the presiding officer; neither shall he admit any visitor (that is not a member of a warranted Lodge) a second time, sojourners producing certificates excepted."

[The Tyler cannot be a member of the Lodge whose servant he is and paid for his services. Regulations of Grand Lodge of England, July 27th, 1756. O. E. R., p. 278.]

"CHAP. III.

"SECT. I. *Of the* GRAND LODGE *in general.*

"THE GRAND LODGE consists of, and is formed by, the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular Lodges upon record, with the *Grand Master* at their head, the Deputy Grand Master on his left, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places; attended also by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Tyler, Grand Pursuivant, and other necessary officers, as will be explained in the proper places. But though the Master and Wardens of all Lodges on record have seats and a voice in every *Grand Lodge-general*, yet *particular* Grand Lodges are composed properly of the officers of the different regular Lodges under the same distinct Grand Jurisdiction; and to form such *Grand Lodge*, there must be present, on due and legal notice, no less than the Masters and Wardens of *five* regular Lodges, together with *one* at least (and where possible or convenient, *all*) of the Grand Officers at their head.

"NO NEW Lodge is owned, nor can their officers be admitted into the Grand Lodge, until such new Lodge is first regularly *constituted* by the authority of the Grand Lodge, and registered in the same.

"ALL past Grand Masters, past Deputy Grand Masters, past Grand Wardens, and past Masters of warranted Lodges on record, whilst they continue members of any regular Lodge, are likewise, by courtesy as well as custom, considered as members of, and admitted to vote in, all Grand Lodges. By courtesy

[N.B.—All Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters are *ex officio* forever members of the Grand Lodge, by the the rule of May 4th, 5807.]

also, past Grand Secretaries, and Grand Treasurers, have the same privilege of sitting in all Grand Lodges, and voting in such matters, as (by the rules of the Grand Lodge) they might or could have voted in, while in office.

"NO MASTER, Warden, or other member of the Grand Lodge

shall ever attend the same, without the jewels which he ought to wear in his own particular Lodge, except for some good and sufficient reason to be allowed of in the Grand Lodge. And when the officer of any particular Lodge, from such urgent business or necessity as may regularly plead his excuse, cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, he may nominate and send a brother of his Lodge, with his jewel and cloathing to supply his room, and support the honour of his Lodge in the Grand Lodge, provided such brother hath heretofore been in the same office with the brother who deputes him, or in some higher office. And from this rule it should seem to follow, that if a single brother is deputed to represent all the officers of any particular Lodge (and consequently such Lodge itself) in the Grand Lodge, he ought not to be under the rank of a past Master, or one who hath otherwise duly past the Chair in some regular Lodge.

"A BROTHER of eminence, and of the rank of Master, having business, or whose attendance be necessary in any point of evidence or intelligence, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge upon motion, or leave asked and given; but such brother or stranger thus admitted shall have no vote, nor be allowed to speak to any question, without leave, or unless desired to give his opinion; and then he is to confine himself to matters that concern Masonry only.

[The admission of many visitors without any business whatever delays very much the business of the Grand Lodge, and not only causes a great waste of time, but brings great confusion, etc., when they retire, many of the members following them, etc.]

"THE Grand Lodge must meet four times a year statedly, for quarterly communications, and shall also have occasional meetings and adjournments monthly or otherwise, as business may require; and such meetings shall be held in the Grand Lodge room only, unless for some particular convenience the Grand Master should think fit to appoint some other place of special meeting.

"ALL matters in the Grand Lodge are determined by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the Grand

Master two votes, unless the Grand Lodge leave any particular thing to the determination of the Grand Master, for the sake of expedition.

"THE main *business* of the Grand Lodge, whether at quarterly communications or other meetings, is seriously to discourse of, and sedately to consider, transact and settle all matters that concern the prosperity of the craft and the fraternity in general, or private Lodges and single brothers in particular. Here, therefore, all differences, that cannot be made up and accommodated privately nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered and decided. And if any brother thinks himself aggrieved by such decision, he may, by lodging an appeal in writing with the *Grand Secretary*, have the matter re-heard, and finally determined upon at the next ensuing quarterly communication, provided it be not the *Annual* Grand Lodge, or the Feast-days of *St. John;* on which, by the *new* and wise regulations, it is agreed and ordered that no petitions or appeals shall be heard, nor any business transacted, that tends to interrupt the harmony of the assembly, but all shall be referred to the next Grand Lodge or Steward's Lodge. And in general, whatever business cannot be transacted or finished at any one meeting of the Grand Lodge may be either adjourned to the next meeting of the same, or, in the mean while, referred to a proper committee, to be by them maturely heard, considered and reported upon to the said next meeting.

"BY the ancient regulations, Apprentices made in private Lodges could not, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, be admitted *Fellow-Crafts* and Masters in the said private Lodges, but in the Grand Lodge only. But this regulation hath been long in dis-use; and the Master of every private Lodge, with his Wardens and the requisite number of his Lodge assembled in due form, can make Fellows and Masters at discretion, keeping within the legal number for any one night.

"IT is nevertheless still the prerogative of the Grand Lodge, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master has full power and

authority (when the Grand Lodge is duly assembled) to make,

[The third line (in brackets) is not to be found anywhere else. It is wrong, because wherever the Grand Master is, he should undoubtedly enjoy the same privileges; his presence and order must be as valid and sufficient as his written dispensation, etc.]

or cause to be made in his Worship's presence, free and accepted Masons *at sight*, and such making is good; but they cannot be made out of his Worship's presence, without his written dispensation for that purpose; nor is any warranted Lodge obliged to receive any of the persons so made as members, except by vote, and with the full consent of the body of such Lodge. But the Right Worshipful Grand Master, with the authority of the Grand Lodge, may grant them a warrant, and form them into a new Lodge.

[The above is a further proof of the right a Mason has to apply to different Lodges without being injured by being refused admission.]

"THE officers of all private Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall at every quarterly communication deliver an exact list of such members as have been made, or even admitted by them, since the last preceding communication; and books shall be kept in the Grand Lodge, by some able brother to be appointed *Grand Secretary*, in which the said lists and returns shall be duly recorded, together with all the Lodges in communication, the usual times and places of their forming, and the names of all their members. In the said books are also to be registered, all the proceedings and other affairs of the Grand Lodge, which are proper to be written.

"THE Grand Lodge shall likewise consider of the most prudent and effectual means of collecting and managing what money may accrue to the general charity fund, agreeable to the rules hereinafter inserted for that purpose. And for the better conducting of this business, they must have a Treasurer, a brother of worldly substance, whose duty and privileges, as a member of the Grand Lodge, will be laid down under the head of Grand Treasurer.

"SECT. II. *Of the Election of the* GRAND MASTER.

"THE GRAND LODGE must meet in some convenient place, on St. JOHN the Evangelist's day (December 27th) in every year, in order to proclaim the *new*, or recognize the *old* officers. But it is found convenient that the election, or re-appointment, of Grand Officers should be held or made a considerable time before St. *John's* day. The general usage now is, that such election or re-appointment should be held or made on the first Wednesday in December, or even sooner; in order that the Grand Lodge may be compleatly organized and duly prepared for the celebration of the annual feast, and other important business of the season.

[The new Regulations have repealed everything that concerns the election of Grand Officers, and have adopted the best mode of making a free election; all the subordinate Lodges should do the same.]

"BUT although it be the inherent right of the *Grand Lodge* to chuse a *new* Grand Master, as well as his Deputy and other Grand Officers yearly by ballot, if a majority of the Grand Lodge should so require it, yet such has been the harmony of all Grand Lodges, as far back as can be remembered (a few instances only excepted) that the general usage for the re-appointment or new election of a Grand Master and other Grand Officers is as follows, viz.

"APPLICATION is to be made to the present *Grand Master* by his Deputy (or, if he neglects it, by some other brother appointed by the Grand Lodge) at least one month before St. JOHN the Evangelist's day, in order to know whether it will be convenient for his Worship to favour or honour the *fraternity* with his services and continuance in office for another year. If he consents to continue then one of the Grand Lodge, deputed for that purpose, shall represent to the brethren his Worship's good government and other valuable qualities; and, in name of the Grand Lodge, shall humbly request the favour or honour of his continuance in office another year. If he accepts of this nomination and re-appointment (in such address to the Lodge as he may think suitable and proper) the GRAND SECRETARY shall thrice proclaim him aloud——

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS.

All the members of the Grand Lodge shall then salute him in due form (if present) according to the ancient and laudable custom of Masons.

"BUT if on such application (to be made as aforesaid one month at least before St. JOHN the Evangelist's day) the present GRAND MASTER, for reasons sufficient to himself, should absolutely declare it inconvenient for him to continue another year in office, his advice and recommendation are then to be requested concerning some able and fit brother as his successor, who on the day of election is to be proposed to the Grand Lodge, with any other brother or brothers that may be put in nomination by two or more members. And the election shall be made either by holding up of hands or by *ballot*, as may be agreed by the majority on motion made and seconded for that purpose; provided always, that the brother recommended by the Grand Master in office, as his successor, be the first voted for, either by holding up of hands or by ballot, and if he is not chosen, the other candidates in the order they were proposed, till one has the majority of voices or ballots. When the election is thus made, he is to be proclaimed, installed and saluted as above set forth, if present; but if not present, a day is to be appointed for this ceremony, which is a most noble and Grand one, but not to be described in writing, nor ever to be known by any but true Master Masons. The ceremony of installing the *new* Grand Master is to be conducted by the last Grand Master, but he may nevertheless order any brother well skilled in the ceremony to assist him, or to act as his Deputy on the occasion.

"IF the present Grand Master should be at a distance from the Grand Lodge at the time proposed for requesting his continuance in office, or his recommendation of a successor; or if the successor he may recommend should be at a distance, the GRAND SECRETARY shall, in behalf of the Lodge, write to one or both of them as the case may require, in order to be informed of their intentions, should the choice or appointment of Grand Master fall upon them; and copies of such letters, as well as of the answers, shall be inserted in the Grand Lodge books.

"In case the new Grand Master, when nominated or chosen as above, cannot attend at the time appointed for his instalment, he may be installed by proxy, on signifying his acceptance of the office; but such proxy must be either the last or a former Grand Master, or else a very reputable past Master.

"Sect. III. *Of the Election or Appointment of the* Deputy Grand Master.

"The last Grand Master thus continued, or a new Grand Master thus appointed and installed, it hath always been considered as his inherent right to nominate and appoint the *Deputy Grand Master* (either the last or a new one;) because as the Grand Master is generally a brother of the first eminence for birth, as well as abilities and long experience, and cannot be supposed to be able to give his attendance on every emergency, it hath been always judged needful not only to allow him a Deputy, but that such Deputy should be a person in whom he can perfectly confide, and with whom he can have full harmony; for which reason it is proper that the Grand Master should have the nomination of his Deputy; although (as aforesaid) cases may arise when the Grand Lodge may exercise the right of rejecting the Grand Master's nomination, and of chusing for themselves; of which cases (altho' they seldom happen) a majority of the Lodge can only be judges. The Deputy Grand Master being thus continued, or a new one appointed or chosen as above, he shall be proclaimed, saluted and congratulated in due form on his first appearance in the Lodge; for neither the Deputy nor Grand Wardens can be allowed to appear by proxy, this being the sole prerogative of the Grand Master.

"Sect. IV. *Of the Election of* Grand Wardens.*

"Agreeably to the old regulations, the *Grand Master* had also the nomination of both the Grand Wardens, they and all the officers being only considered as his substitutes and assistants; or such as might have occasion at different times to supply his absence in the Lodge.

* The whole of Section IV proposed to be erased.—Library Committee.

"But this old regulation having been sometimes found inconvenient, the *Grand Lodge* now reserve to themselves the election of Grand Wardens, and any member has a right to propose one or both the candidates, either the old Wardens, or new ones; and the two persons who have the majority of votes or ballots, still preserving due harmony, are declared duly elected. The brother who has the greater number of votes of the two (if chosen by a joint vote) is stiled *Senior Grand Warden*, and the other *Junior Grand Warden;* although it seems a better custom to have separate ballots or votes, viz. First for the *Senior* and next for the *Junior* Grand Warden; or to write Senior and Junior against the names of the respective candidates in the ballot, or other method of electing.

[See new regulations and subsequent resolutions of May 4th, 5807, etc.]

"Sect. V. *Of the Nomination, Appointment and Office of the* Grand Secretary.

"The office of *Grand Secretary* hath become of very great importance in the Grand Lodge, from the multiplicity of matters committed to his care, and from the abilities and learning requisite in the management of them. All the transactions of the Lodge are to be drawn into form and duly recorded by him. All petitions, applications and appeals are to pass through his hands. No warrant, certificate or instrument of writing from the Grand Lodge is authentic, without his attestation and signature, and his affixing the Grand Seal as the laws require. The general correspondence with Lodges and brethren over the whole world is to be managed by him, agreeable to the voice of the Grand Lodge, and directions of the Grand Master or his Deputy, whom he must, therefore, be always ready to attend, with his Assistants or Clerk, and the books of the Lodge, in order to give all necessary information concerning the general state of matters, and what is proper to be done upon any emergency.

"For these reasons, at every annual election or appointment of Grand Officers, the nomination or appointment of the Grand Secretary is considered as the inherent right of the Grand Mas-

ter, being properly his Amanuensis, and an officer as necessary to him as his Deputy. It is therefore held, under the old regulations, which yet stand unrepealed, that if the Grand Lodge should disapprove either of the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, they cannot disannul their appointment without chusing a new Grand Master, by which all his appointments will be rendered void. But this is a case which hath but very seldom happened, and which all true Masons hope there never will be any occasion to make a provision against.

"THE Grand Secretary, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Grand Lodge, and hath a vote in every thing except in chusing Grand Officers. He also hath the right of appointing his own Deputy, or Assistant Grand Secretary and Clerk. But such Deputy or Clerk must be a Master Mason, and shall not be a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of his appointment, nor speak without being allowed or commanded, unless he hath otherwise a right, by having passed the Chair in the Grand or some regular private Lodge.

[There is a special resolution concerning the Grand Secretary and one concerning the Grand Treasurer. The whole should be made in one single article for each of these two important officers.]

"SECT. VI. *Of the Election and Office of* GRAND TREASURER.

"THE GRAND TREASURER is elected by the body of the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as the Grand Wardens; he being considered as an officer peculiarly responsible to all the members in due form assembled, as having the charge of their common stock and property. For to him is committed the care of all money raised for the general charity and other uses of the Grand Lodge; an account of which he is regularly to enter in a book, with the respective ends and uses for which the several sums are intended. He is likewise to pay out, expend or disburse the same upon such orders, signed, as the rules of the Grand Lodge in this respect shall allow to be valid.

"THE Grand Treasurer, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Grand Lodge, and hath power to move the same in any

matter that concerns his office, and to vote in all business (provided he hath past the Chair) except in the choice of Grand Officers. He hath a right to appoint an Assistant or Clerk, who must be a Master Mason, but shall have no vote, nor be a member of the Grand Lodge, nor speak without being allowed or commanded, unless otherwise entitled to a seat, as having past the Chair in the Grand or some regular private Lodge.

"The Grand Treasurer, or his Assistant or Clerk, shall always be present in the Lodge, and ready to attend the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, with his books for inspection when required; and likewise any Grand Committee that may be appointed for adjusting and examining his accounts.

"Sect. VII. *Of the Grand Tyler, and Grand Pursuivant.*

"These officers and ministers of the Grand Lodge must be Master Masons, but none of them are members of the Grand Lodge, nor allowed to speak without orders. The Tyler's duty is to look after the door on the outward side, to see that none but members enter in, and to summon the members on special occasions and emergencies, by order of the Grand Master or his Deputy, signified to him under the hand of the Grand Secretary or his Deputy.

[The Tyler cannot be member of the Grand Lodge. He is never in but when called in to answer some question; he then cannot be mentioned amongst the members present, etc.]

"The business of the Pursuivant is to stand at the inward door of the Grand Lodge, and to report the names and titles of all that want admittance, as reported to him by the Tyler. He is also to go upon messages, and perform sundry other services known only in the Lodge.

[Formerly the Grand Pursuivant received wages, and the rule was good, but since he is not paid the office is more honourable and he is a member.]

"The Grand Deacons, whose duty is well known in the Grand Lodge, as particular assistants to the Grand Master and Senior Warden in conducting the business of the Lodge, are always

members of the same; and may be either nominated occasionally on every Lodge night from among the members present, or appointed annually by the Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden.

[Nobody can specify the duties of Deacons in Grand Lodge. They are absolutely useless. There is nothing for them to do. The Grand Lodge should always be opened and closed by the Deputy Grand Master at the left hand of the Grand Master, etc.]

"THESE in general are the present duties of these officers; and when any thing further shall be made their duty in the Grand Lodge, it will be explained by a new regulation.

"SECT. VIII. *General Rules for conducting the Business of the Grand Lodge, in case of the Absence of any of the Grand Officers.*

"IF the Grand Master is absent at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, stated, occasional, monthly, or annual, the Deputy is to supply his place.

"IF the Deputy be likewise absent the Senior Grand Warden takes the Chair, and in his absence the Junior Grand Warden. And although, by the old regulations, any Master or past Master of a Lodge, that had been longest a Mason, had the preference of the Chair in the absence of the Grand Master and his Deputy, yet now the rule is, that all Grand Officers, present and past, take place of every Master of a Lodge, and the present Grand Officers take place of all past Grand Officers. Nevertheless, any of them may wave their privilege, to do honour to any eminent brother and past Master, whom the Lodge may be willing to place in the Chair on any particular occasion.

"IF neither any of the present nor past Grand Officers are present at any Grand Lodge duly summoned, the Master of the senior private Lodge who may be present is to take the Chair, although there may be Masters of Lodges present, who are older Masons than him.

"BUT to prevent disputes, the Grand Master, when he finds

he must be necessarily absent from any Grand Lodge, usually gives a special commission, under his hand and seal of office, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to the Senior Grand Warden, or in his absence to the Junior, or in case of the absence of both, to any other Grand Officer or particular Master of a Lodge, past or present, to supply his place, *pro hac vice*, if the Deputy Grand Master should not attend, or be necessarily absent.

"But if there be no special commission appointing matters otherwise, the general rule of precedence is, that the Junior Grand Warden supplies the place of the Senior in his absence; and if both are absent, the oldest former Grand Wardens take place immediately, and act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*, unless (as abovesaid) they should wave their privilege.

"When neither the Grand Wardens of the present, nor of any former, year are in company, the Grand Master, or he that legally presides in his stead, calls forth whom he pleases to act as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens *pro tempore;* although the preference is generally given to the Master or past Master of the oldest Lodge present. The presiding Grand Officer has the further privilege of appointing a Secretary or any other Grand Officer *pro tempore*, if neither the stated Officers, nor the Deputies of such of them as have a right to nominate a Deputy, be present; for the business of the Lodge must never stand still for want of officers.

"In case of the death of a Grand Master, the same order of succession and precedency takes place, as is above set forth, till a new Grand Master is duly chosen and installed.

"Old Grand Officers may be again chosen officers of private Lodges, and this does not deprive them of any of the privileges to which, as old Grand Officers, they are entitled in the Grand Lodge; only an old Grand Officer, being the officer of a private Lodge, must depute a past officer of his particular Lodge to act *pro tempore* for him in the Grand Lodge, when he ascends to his former rank in the same.

"SECT. IX. *Of Grand Visitations, Communications, Annual Feasts, etc.*

"THE Grand Master, with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary, shall, during his Mastership, or if possible annually, go at least once round, and visit all the Lodges under his jurisdiction; or when this laudable duty becomes impracticable, from the extent of his jurisdiction and large number of Lodges, he shall as often as necessary (and if possible annually) appoint visitors of different districts, composed of his Grand Officers and such other Assistants as he may think proper, who shall make faithful report of their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to the instructions given them.

"WHEN both the Grand Masters are absent, the Senior or Junior Grand Warden may preside as Deputy in visiting Lodges, or in constituting any *new* Lodge; neither of which can be done without at least one of the present Grand Officers, except in places at too great a distance from the Grand Lodge. In such case some faithful brother, who has passed the Chair, etc. shall have a proper deputation under the Grand Lodge seal, if the order is made in the absence of the Grand Master and his Deputy, or under their private seals, if they are present and sign the same. But it must also be countersigned and attested by the Grand Secretary, to have the full authority of the Grand Lodge.—Under such authority, the brother so appointed shall act as Grand Master, *pro tempore*, in visiting *old* Lodges, or constituting *new* ones, in places far distant from the seat of the Grand Lodge, and in remote countries, or beyond seas, where the Grand Officers cannot possibly attend.

"THE brethren of all the regular Lodges, in the same general jurisdiction and Grand Communication, if within any reasonable and practicable distance, shall meet in some convenient place on St. JOHN'S DAY, and when business is over, they may repair to their festival dinners, either in their own, or any other regular Lodge, as they shall think most convenient. And any brethren around the globe (who are found true and faithful members of the ancient craft) may be admitted as sojourners,

till they have built a *house* of their own. But only those who are members of the Grand Lodge must be within doors, during the election of Grand Officers.

"SECT. X. *Particular Rules in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.*

"EVERY Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make local ordinances and *new* regulations, as well as to amend and explain the *old* ones, for their own particular benefit and the good of Masonry in general; provided always, that the *ancient land marks* be carefully preserved, and that such regulations be first duly proposed in writing for the consideration of all the members, and be at last duly enacted with the consent of the majority. This has never been disputed; for the members of every Grand Lodge are the true representatives of all the fraternity in communication, and are an absolute and independent body, with legislative authority, provided (as aforesaid) that the GRAND MASONIC CONSTITUTION be never violated, nor

[The three estates of Masonry are: 1st, the Grand Master and his Deputy; 2d, the two Grand Wardens; 3d, the Masters and Wardens of the subordinate Lodges. Thus formed they have all powers whatsoever. Their rights and privileges cannot be infringed nor lessened in any manner. They are part of the ancient landmarks.]

any of the *old land marks* removed. Upon these principles, the following particular rules have been made, or adopted, in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, viz.

"1. 'THE Quarterly Communication of all the Lodges under 'the Masonic jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be held in 'the Grand Lodge Room, at Philadelphia, on the four following 'days annually for ever; that is to say, on the last Monday in 'March, on the Monday week* before St. JOHN the Baptist's 'day (June 24th;) on the last Monday in September; and on 'the Monday-week before St. JOHN the Evangelist's day (Decem-

* THE Monday-week before St. John's day is appointed, to give the members sufficient time to return from the general Communications, to keep these festivals in their own Lodges, if they think proper.

'ber 24th;) and the different Lodges are to attend on these

[Every Lodge should summon their officers and Grand Master; it would save a great deal of trouble to the Grand Secretary.]

'days, by their proper Officers or Deputies, with or without

[Proxies. The above is altered.]

'notice for that purpose.'

"2. 'NONE but a Master Mason, who has passed the Chair in 'some regular Lodge, and is a resident or honorary member of 'the Lodge he is chosen to represent, can be admitted as the 'proxy of such Lodge, or have a voice in the proceedings of this 'Grand Lodge. And his commission, as proxy, must be under 'the seal of the Lodge that appoints him, signed by the Master, 'and countersigned by the Secretary.'

"3. 'EVERY member of this Grand Lodge shall pay quarterly 'into the Treasury of the same, *One-third of a Spanish milled* '*Dollar*, and the same sum on default of attendance at any 'Quarterly Meeting; without such excuse as the bye-laws admit 'to be reasonable.

[No member of the Grand Lodge pays any due as such, and fines have been considered as improper.]

"4. 'EVERY member of a constituted Lodge under this Grand 'Lodge, shall pay *One Shilling* quarterly to the *Charity Fund* of 'the same.

"5. 'EVERY person who obtains the benefit of Masonry in any 'regular Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, 'shall pay *Five Shillings* to the Charity Fund of the same; all 'which dues shall be made good by every particular Lodge to 'the Grand Lodge, at least once a year, at either of the Com-'munications before St. John the Evangelist's day.

[The two above last have been altered.]

"6. 'EVERY brother who shall be returned by his Lodge, and 'registered in the Grand Lodge books, shall pay *One Shilling* to 'the Grand Secretary for the same.

"7. 'EVERY member requiring a Grand Lodge Certificate

'(which in this Grand Lodge is printed on parchment from an 'engraving, in *Latin*, *French* and *English*) must pay the expence 'of parchment, &c. that the Grand Lodge may be put to no cost 'thereby; and likewise pay such further sum to the Grand Sec-'retary for filling up the blanks and for signing the same, and 'affixing the Grand Seal, as the bye-laws* of the Grand Lodge 'may from time to time allow. Nor is any member entitled to 'such Grand Certificate without a previous Certificate from the 'Lodge of which he is a member, setting forth his regular be-'haviour, and that he hath discharged all Lodge dues.

[There is a late rule concerning Grand Certificates, etc; every brother in good standing, etc., may have one whenever he desires it.]

"8. 'On either St. John's Day, every regular Mason may at-'tend the Grand Lodge in person to pay his dues as aforesaid, 'with his proportion of the expences of the day; otherwise they 'must be sent (as directed above, in the fifth paragraph) by the 'member or members, who are appointed to attend on behalf of 'his Lodge, at the Communication preceding.'

"Sect. XI. Regulations *for the Government of the* Grand Lodge, *during the Time of public Business.*

"1. No Brothers shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge, but the immediate members thereof, viz. The four present and all former Grand Officers, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Masters, Wardens and past Masters of all regular Lodges; except a brother who is a petitioner or witness in some case, or one called in by motion.

[The above article proves again that there are but four Grand Officers, etc.]

"2. At the third stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, there shall be a general silence; and he who breaks silence, without leave from the Chair, shall be publicly reprimanded.

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* The old fee to the Grand Secretary, exclusive of parchment and the copper-plate, &c. was One-third of a silver Dollar. But the Secretary now provides the parchment, pays the copper-plate-printer, affixes the seal, and compleats the Certificate; and the whole expence is about One silver Dollar, or a little more, according to the price of parchment, and the printer's bill.

"3. UNDER the same penalty every brother shall keep his seat, and keep strict silence whenever the Grand Master or Deputy shall think fit to rise from the Chair and call *to order*.

"4. IN the Grand Lodge, every member shall keep in his seat (according to the number of his Lodge) and not move about from place to place during the *Communication*, except the Grand Wardens, as having more immediately the care of the Grand Lodge.

[The Grand Wardens should never leave their seats without having previously resigned their chair and jewell to some worthy brother The Grand Pursuivant and Grand Marshal are the only persons who should be allowed to move about the Lodge There is no need of Deacons, therefore there should be none; it makes the Grand Lodge too much like a private Lodge. There are no Deacons in England, etc.]

"5. THAT no brother is to speak but once to the same affair, unless to explain himself, or when called upon by the Chair to speak.

"6. EVERY one that speaks shall rise and keep standing, addressing himself in a proper manner to the Chair; nor shall any presume to interrupt him under the aforesaid penalty, unless the Grand Master find him wandering from the point in hand, and shall think fit to reduce him to order; for then the said speaker shall sit down. But after he has been set right, he may again proceed, if he pleases.

"7. IF, in the Grand Lodge, any member is *twice* called to order at any one assembly for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a *third* offence of the same nature, the Chair shall peremptorily order him to quit the Lodge-room for that night.

"8. WHOEVER shall be so rude as to hiss at any brother, or at what another says or has said, he shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Communication, and declared incapable of ever being a member of any Grand Lodge for the future, till another time he publicly owns his fault, and his grace be granted.

"9. NO MOTION for a *new* regulation, or for the continuance or

alteration of an *old* one, shall be made till it be first handed up in writing to the Chair; and after it has been perused by the Grand Master, at least about ten minutes, the thing may be moved publicly, and then it shall be audibly read by the Secretary; and if it be *seconded* and *thirded*, it must immediately be committed to the consideration of the whole assembly, that their sense may be fully heard about it; after which the question shall be put, *pro* and *con.*

[A motion for reconsidering, etc., should certainly be disposed of in the same manner. The presence of the Grand Master supersedes any other formality. The general rule must prevail, etc.]

"10. THE opinion or votes of the members are to be signified by holding up of hands, that is, one hand, each member; which uplifted hands the Grand Wardens are to count, unless the number of hands be so unequal as to render the counting them useless. Nor should any other kind of division ever be admitted among Free Masons.

"IN order to preserve harmony, it was thought necessary to use counters, and a balloting-box, when occasion requires.

"*My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments; and remove not the ancient land-marks which thy fathers have set.*

"SOLOMON.

"SECT. XII. THE REGULATIONS FOR CHARITY, *observed in the Grand Lodge of England, and to be followed here, so far as the difference of Circumstances and general Convenience will allow.*

"1. THE COMMITTEE OF CHARITY consists of all present and former Grand Officers, Secretary and Treasurer, with the Masters of *ten* regular Lodges, who are summoned and obliged to attend in their turns; that is to say, *five* from the oldest and *five* from the youngest Lodges are summoned to meet on the third Wednesday in every month, to hear all petitions, etc. and to order such relief to distressed petitioners, as their case may require, and prudence may direct.

"2. ALL collections, contributions, and sums of money for charitable purposes, given or belonging to the Grand Lodge Fund, are to be deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer (or such other persons as the Grand Lodge may specially appoint;) no part of which must be disbursed or expended on any account, without an order from the Committee of Charity, signed by the presiding officer and countersigned by the Secretary, after being approved by the majority of the Committee (or Stewards) then present, and entered in their transaction book, with the name or names of the person or persons to whom the same is given.

[The Grand Lodge have no funds at present. There is a resolution of which appropriates one-third of all moneys received to the charity fund, and the two other thirds to the contingent fund, from which charity may be given if need be, etc.]

"3. NO ANONYMOUS letter, petition, or recommendation, by or

[This article should be strictly observed also by the subordinate Lodges, who often grant money to undeserving persons, who in a short time collect larger sums of money than they ever possessed, squander it away to the great scandal of the craft, whilst the most worthy objects cannot obtain anything.]

from any person or persons, must be introduced or read in the Committee; and only registered Masons, who have themselves contributed twelve months to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and were members of a warranted Lodge during that time, are to be considered and relieved. Sojourners and travelling Masons, if duly certified and recommended, are to be relieved by private contributions made for them on the occasion, or out of the general fund, as the majority shall think proper.

"4. ALL petitions or recommendations are to be signed by the Master and Wardens of the petitioner's Lodge; some of whom, if in town, must attend the Committee or Steward's Lodge, to vouch the truth of the petition, or answer any necessary questions. The petitioner or petitioners (if within any convenient distance, or unless detained by sickness, lameness or imprisonment) must also attend, and prove to the satisfaction of the Committee or Stewards, that he or they have been formerly in reputable, or at least in tolerable circumstances. And although any Brother may send in a petition or recommendation, yet none

can be admitted to sit and hear the debates, except the Stewards, or members of the Committee, as above described.

"5. It is the inherent right of this Committee (commonly called the Stewards Lodge) to dispose of the Grand Charity Fund, under the restrictions aforesaid, to such as appear really necessitous and deserving, either by weekly support or otherwise, as to them shall seem meet; provided always that no person made in a clandestine manner, with a view only to partake of this charity, nor any Brother who has ever assisted at any such clandestine making, can ever be qualified to receive any assistance out of the said fund.

"6. This Committee has likewise power to hear and adjust all matters concerning Free Masons and Masonry, that may be laid before them (except making *new* regulations, which power is vested only in the Grand Lodge;) and the determinations of the Committee are final, unless an appeal be made to the Quarterly Grand Lodge.

"7. For the speedy relief of distressed petitioners, *three* of the five Masters who are summoned are a quorum to proceed to business, as prudence and brotherly love shall direct, with or without the Grand Officers; provided the Grand Secretary and the books are present. And all transactions of this Committee of Charity, or Stewards Lodge, are to be read audibly, by the said Grand Secretary, before all the members of the Grand Lodge, upon the first Wednesdays in March, June, September, and * December, yearly.

"8. So far as this Committee shall exercise the power vested in them (as above, in the sixth paragraph) to hear complaints and punish delinquents, according to the laws of the Craft, they are instructed to adhere most religiously to the old Hebrew regulation, viz. 'If a complaint be made against a Brother by another 'Brother, and he be found guilty, he shall stand to the deter-

* Agreeable to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, these transactions are more properly read at the four Quarterly Communications in the said months.

'mination of this Committee, or the Grand Lodge. But if the 'accuser or complainant cannot support his charge, he shall incur 'such penalty as the accused would have done, had he been really 'convicted.'

[This rule should be enjoined on all the Lodges and strictly adhered to.]

"SECT. XIII. *Extract of some late* RESOLUTIONS *of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, for maintaining Brotherly Correspondence; which should be adopted among the different Grand Lodges of America; and, as far as possible, over all the World, for the same good purpose.*

"GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, held at the Half-Moon Tavern, Cheapside, London, September 2, 1772.

"*The Most Noble Prince* JOHN, DUKE OF ATHOLL, *Grand Master.*

"LAURENCE DERMOTT, ESQUIRE, *Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.*

"HEARD a letter from Brother THOMAS CORKER, Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, to LAURENCE DERMOTT, Esq.; Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, setting forth the state of the Craft, etc. in that kingdom, and having taken the same into consideration,

"'*Resolved*, IT is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that a 'brotherly connection and correspondence with the Right Wor-'shipful Grand Lodge of Ireland has been, and will always be, 'found productive of honour and advantage to the Craft, in both 'kingdoms.

"'*Ordered*, THAT the Grand Secretary shall transmit the names 'of all the officers of this Grand Lodge to the Secretary of the 'Grand Lodge of Ireland yearly, or as often as any new choice 'is made; together with such informations as may tend to the 'honour and interest of the ancient Craft: And that all such

'informations or correspondence shall be conveyed in the most 'respectful terms, such as may suit the honour and dignity of 'both Grand Lodges.

"'*Ordered*, THAT no Mason (who has been made under the 'sanction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland) shall be admitted a 'member, nor partake of the general charity, without having 'first produced a certificate (of his good behaviour) from the 'Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; but upon producing 'such certificate, he shall receive all the honours due to a faithful 'Brother of the same household with us.'

"THE Deputy Grand Master proposed that a correspondence should be opened by this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, when they unanimously came to the same resolutions as set forth for the Grand Lodge of Ireland."

"GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, Dublin, November 5, 1772.

"*The Right Honourable* WILLIAM, LORD VISCOUNT DUNLACE, *Grand Master.*

"ARCHIBALD RICHARDSON, ESQ. *Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair.*

"RECEIVED and read the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of England, transmitted by their Grand Secretary, Brother WILLIAM DICKEY, and having taken the same into consideration, came to the following resolution:

"'*Resolved*, THAT this Lodge do entirely agree with the Grand 'Lodge of England, that a brotherly connection and correspond-'ence between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand 'Lodge of Ireland have been, and will always be, found produc-'tive of honour and advantage to the Craft in both kingdoms.

"'*Ordered*, THAT the Grand Secretary shall continue to transmit, from time to time, the particular occurrences of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary of England; and that hereafter no English Mason shall be considered worthy of their charity, without producing a certificate from the Grand Lodge of England; and that we shall always consider such Brethren as may be recommended to us from the Grand Lodge of England, equally objects of our attention with those of the fraternity in Ireland:—Nor can the Grand Lodge of Ireland omit this opportunity of testifying their high sense of the honour they have received, in this invitation of a mutual and friendly intercourse, which they shall study to preserve and strengthen by every act of good offices and brotherly love.'

"*By Order*,
"FIELDING OULD, jun. Grand Sec.

"*To the Most Noble Prince* JOHN, DUKE OF ATHOLL, *Grand Master of England*"

"GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS in Scotland, held in the City of Edinburgh, Nov. 30, 1772.

"*The Right Hon. and Most Worshipful* PATRICK, EARL OF DUMFRIES, *Grand Master.*

"*The Right Hon. and Most Worshipful* GEORGE, EARL OF DALHOUSIE, *late Grand Master, in the Chair.*

"IT was reported to the Brethren, that the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions, on the second of September last, passed a resolution and order, relative to a constant correspondence betwixt them and the Grand Lodge of Scotland; a copy of which had been lately transmitted by their Secretary, along with a letter containing the names of their officers, to the Secretary of this Grand Lodge.——The resolution and letter being read, the Grand Lodge were of opinion, that the brotherly intercourse and correspondence, which the

Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of England were desirous to establish, would be serviceable to both Grand Lodges, and productive of honour and advantage to the fraternity in general; and to promote this beneficial purpose,

"'*Ordered*, THAT the Grand Secretary do transmit to the 'Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, the names of the 'officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, elected this day; and 'shall henceforth transmit the names of the Grand Officers 'yearly, or as often as any new change is made, and shall lay 'such letters, orders or informations, as he may, from time to 'time, receive from the Grand Lodge of England, before this 'Grand Lodge, their Quarterly Communication, or standing 'Committee; and also shall transmit such informations as may 'tend to the honour and advantage of the Craft, according as he 'shall be by them directed; and that he assures the Right 'Worshipful Grand Lodge of England, in the most respectful 'manner, of the desire the Grand Lodge of Scotland have to 'cultivate a connexion with them, by a regular correspondence 'for the interest of the ancient Craft, suitable to the honour and 'dignity of both Grand Lodges.

"'*Ordered*, THAT no Mason (made under the sanction of the 'Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institution) 'shall be admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 'nor partake of the general charity, without having first pro-'duced a Certificate (of his good behaviour) from the Secretary 'of the Grand Lodge of England. But upon producing such 'Certificate, he shall receive all the honours and bounty due to a 'faithful brother of the same household with us.'

"*By Order of the Grand Lodge of Scotland,*
"ALEX. M'DOUGALL, G. Secretary.

"*To the Right Worshipful the* GRAND LODGE *of England.*"

"SECT. XIV. *Extracts from* ANSWERS *given* (*May* 15, 1772) *by* LAURENCE DERMOTT, *Esq.; Deputy Grand Master of Masons in London, to certain* QUESTIONS *proposed to him by a learned Master of a* Lodge *in Philadelphia; intended* (*so far as is proper in print*) *for the further explanation of sundry of the foregoing* Regulations *and* Constitutions.

"FROM the doctrine before laid down, a Provincial Grand Master, within his Jurisdiction, has power, according to the old institution, to grant a * DISPENSATION, 'authorizing and empowering any regular and trusty *Master Mason* to congregate (by 'proper invitation) a sufficient number of worthy brethren at 'some certain place, to form and open a *Lodge* after the manner 'of ancient Masons; and in the said Lodge, while thus open, to 'admit, enter and make Free Masons, according to the true 'ancient custom, and not otherwise; with the sole intent and 'view that the brethren so congregated, admitted, entered and 'made, when they become a sufficient number, may in good 'order and time be duly *warranted* and *constituted* for being and 'holding a regular Lodge, for the further promoting the Craft 'and encreasing the number of worthy brethren.' Now in granting such dispensations, as well as in all proceedings thereupon, the following particulars and restrictions are to be carefully attended to, in order that the rights and privileges of the Grand Master and his Deputy, as well as of individual Lodges and members, be duly understood and preserved, viz.

"1. THE Provincial Grand Master may grant such dispensation without consent of the Deputy Grand Master.

"2. THE Deputy Grand Master can likewise grant such dispensation in the absence of the Grand Master, and without acquainting him; but he is answerable for the consequences.

"3. SUCH dispensation must be under the hand of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and the seal of the Grand Lodge, counter-

* THE form of such dispensation is preserved among the other ARCANA of the Grand Lodge, for the use of the proper officers.

signed by the Grand Secretary. It can be granted only to continue in force for one month, and may be renewed for another month, if necessity require, but cannot be renewed again for any longer time. Care is also to be taken, that such dispensation be not sent to any place too remote for the Grand Officers, or Grand Secretary, personally to inspect the execution thereof.

"4. DISPENSATIONS being partly granted for making Masons, cannot operate to hinder or forbid the making of any; nor must such dispensation be granted or directed to more than *one* Master Mason in one place; because all other Master Masons (whom it may be convenient for him to invite) are not only authorized, but also required, to aid and assist, as far as circumstances will permit.

"5. MASONS made under a dispensation have a right to visit warranted Lodges, while such dispensation is in force; but no longer, until they belong to some warranted Lodge themselves.

"6. THE officers chosen or appointed to act in any Lodge under a dispensation, cannot be admitted as members of the Grand Lodge, nor enrolled in its books, until their Lodge is *warranted*, nor even then, without being properly *installed*.

"7. WHAT a Grand Lodge properly consists of has been fully explained in the proper place; to which it is to be here added, that if the Masters and Wardens of five warranted Lodges, or more, should meet, where no Grand Officer exists or can be present, such meeting will bear the title of a *Grand Committee*, *Convention* or *Sub-Communication* of Masons, and the next Grand Master may confirm their transactions, if laudable; or they may, by proper authority, be formed into a new Grand Lodge. All new regulations made, or pretended to be made out of a Grand Lodge, are illegal; although every private Lodge may make their own bye-laws (as hath been already said) provided they do not remove the ancient land marks. A general meeting of Lodges, summoned by the Grand Secretary, may propose and form such laws as they shall think proper; but they cannot have the force of laws, nor be put in execution, without the

assent of the Grand Master, duly given by the voice and authority of the Grand Lodge. If the Grand Master be absent, the Deputy Grand Master, in his name, confirms the orders of the Grand Lodge, and commands the Grand Secretary to record them in the Grand Lodge books, and therefore no Grand Lodge is compleat without the Grand Secretary, or his Deputy.

"8. ALL books, records, writings, jewels, and the seal of the Grand Lodge, should be at all times in the possession of the Grand Secretary, who is therefore obliged, as well as the Grand Treasurer (either in their persons or by their Deputies, according to the regulations in the foregoing sections) to attend the Grand Master or his Deputy, with their books, &c. in private, for examining the stock of the Grand Lodge, and other needful affairs, as often as thereto required. But the Grand Officers have no authority to examine the private stock of any particular Lodge, except they be appointed to that business as members of such private Lodge; although the Grand Secretary hath nevertheless an undoubted authority to order the registry, and all the transaction books of any private Lodge (the cash-book excepted) to be laid before the Grand Lodge once a quarter.

"9. THE members of the Grand Lodge, and of all warranted Lodges, so far as they have abilities or numbers, have an undoubted right to exercise all degrees of the ancient craft, and consequently the ROYAL ARCH; but no *Masons* of any denomination can hold *any Lodge* without a warrant for the place where held. Nevertheless Royal *Arch-Masons* must not at a procession, nor in any other place except in the Royal Arch Lodge, be distinguished by any garment or badge different from what belongs to them as officers or members of the *Grand*, or their own private Lodge.

"10. ALTHOUGH, by the general regulations in the foregoing sections, the Master or Wardens of a Lodge may (upon a special emergency, when they or either of them cannot attend in person) send a brother (qualified as the rule requires) to wear their jewel and support the honour of such Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and at General Communications; yet, upon the question put to

Brother DERMOTT,—'Whether the Masters and Wardens of particular Lodges have a right to nominate a substitute to represent them in the Grand Lodge?' He answers—'That *Grand Masters* only are allowed Deputies, Substitutes or Proxies.' From which it would seem to be understood (comparing the old regulations with this answer) that although Masters and Wardens may nominate Substitutes as aforesaid on special occasions of necessity, yet they cannot appoint Substitutes or Deputies to represent them generally, during the time of their continuance in office."

"CHAP. IV.

"CHARGES, PRAYERS, &c.

"*A short* CHARGE *to a new admitted* MASON.

"BROTHER,

"YOU are now admitted, by the full and due consent of this Lodge, a Fellow of our most *ancient* and *honourable* Society—*ancient*, as having subsisted from time immemorial—and honourable, as tending in every particular to do honour to those who conform to its noble precepts. The greatest monarchs, and most exalted heroes and patriots, of all ages and countries throughout the known world, have been encouragers of the Royal Art; and many of them have presided as GRAND MASTERS of Masons in their respective territories; not thinking it any lessening of their highest dignities to level themselves with their brethren in Masonry, and to act upon the same square as they did.

"THE world's GREAT ARCHITECT is our *supreme Master;* and the unerring rule he has given us, is that by which we work; religious disputes are never suffered within the Lodge; for, as Masons, we only pursue the universal religion, or the religion of nature. This is the centre which unites the most different principles in one sacred band, and brings together those who were the most distant from one another.

"THERE are *three* general heads of duty which Masons ought always to inculcate, viz. to GOD, our NEIGHBOUR, and OURSELVES; —to GOD, in never mentioning his name but with that reverential awe which a creature ought to bear to his Creator, and to look upon him always as the *summum bonum* which we came into the world to enjoy, and according to that view to regulate all our pursuits;—to our NEIGHBOUR, in acting upon the square, or doing as we would be done by;—to OURSELVES, in avoiding all intemperance and excesses, whereby we may be rendered incapable of following our work, or led into behaviour unbecoming our laudable profession, and always keeping within due bounds, and free from all pollution.

"IN the state, a Mason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful subject, conforming chearfully to the government under which he lives.

"HE is to pay a due deference to his superiors; and from his inferiors he is rather to receive honour with some reluctance, than to extort it. He is to be a man of benevolence and charity, not sitting down contented while his fellow creatures (but much more his brethren) are in want, when it is in his power (without prejudicing himself or his family) to relieve them.

"IN the Lodge he is to behave with all due decorum, lest the beauty and harmony thereof should be disturbed or broke; he is to be obedient to the Master and the presiding officers, and to apply himself closely to the business of Masonry, that he may the sooner become a proficient therein, both for his own credit, and for that of the Lodge.

"HE is not to neglect his own necessary avocations for the sake of Masonry, nor to involve himself in quarrels with those who through ignorance may speak evil of or ridicule it.

"HE is to be a lover of the arts and sciences, and is to take all opportunities to improve himself therein.

"IF he recommends a friend to be made a Mason, he must

vouch him to be such as he really believes will conform to the aforesaid duties, lest by his misconduct, at any time, the Lodge should pass under some evil imputations.

"NOTHING can prove more shocking to all faithful Masons, than to see any of their brethren profane or break through the sacred rules of their order; and such as can do it, they wish had never been admitted.

"*A* PRAYER *said at the opening of the Lodge, or making a new Brother, &c. used by* Jewish *Free-Masons.*

"O LORD, excellent art thou in thy truth, and there is nothing great in comparison to thee; for thine is the praise, from all the works of thy hands, for evermore.

"ENLIGHTEN us, we beseech thee, in the true knowledge of Masonry: By the sorrows of *Adam*, thy first made man; by the blood of *Abel*, the holy one; by the righteousness of *Seth*, in whom thou art well pleased; and by thy covenant with *Noah*, in whose architecture thou wast pleased to save the seed of thy beloved; number us not among those that know not thy statutes, nor the divine mysteries of the secret Cabala.

"BUT grant, we beseech thee, that the ruler of this Lodge may be endued with knowledge and wisdom, to instruct us and explain his secret mysteries, as our holy brother *Moses* * did (in

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* IN the preface to the *Mishna*, we find this tradition of the *Jews* explained as follows:

GOD not only delivered the law to *Moses* on *Mount Sinai*, but the explanation of it likewise: When *Moses* came down from the mount, and entered into his tent, *Aaron* went to visit him, and *Moses* acquainted *Aaron* with the laws he had received from GOD, together with the explanation of them: After this *Aaron* placed himself at the right hand of *Moses*, and *Eleazar* and *Ithamar* (the sons of *Aaron*) were admitted, to whom *Moses* repeated what he had just before told to *Aaron:* These being seated, the one on the right hand, the other on the left hand of *Moses*, the seventy elders of *Israel*, who composed the Sanhedrim, came in, and *Moses* again declared the same laws to them, with the interpretation of them, as he had done before to *Aaron* and his sons. Lastly, all who pleased of the common people were invited to enter, and *Moses* instructed them likewise in the same manner as the rest: So that *Aaron* heard four times what *Moses* had been taught

his Lodge) to *Aaron*, to *Eleazar* and *Ithamar* (the sons of *Aaron*) and the seventy elders of *Israel*.

"And grant that we may understand, learn, and keep all the statutes and commandments of the Lord, and this holy mystery, pure and undefiled unto our lives end. Amen, Lord.

"*A* Prayer *used amongst the primitive* Christian Masons.

"The might of the Father of heaven, and the wisdom of his glorious Son, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, being three persons in one Godhead, be with us at our beginning, and give us grace so to govern us here in our living, that we may come to his bliss that never shall have end. Amen.

"*Another Prayer, and that which is most general at Making or Opening.*

"Most holy and glorious Lord God, thou great architect of heaven and earth, who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in the midst of them: In thy name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve thee aright, that all our doings may tend to thy glory and the salvation of our souls.

"And we beseech thee, O Lord God, to bless this our present undertaking, and grant that this our new brother may dedicate his life to thy service, and be a true and faithful brother among us: Endue him with a competency of thy divine wisdom, that he may, with the secrets of Free Masonry, be able to unfold the mysteries of Godliness and Christianity. This we most humbly beg, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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by God upon *Mount Sinai*, *Eleazar* and *Ithamar* three times, the seventy elders twice, and the people once. *Moses* afterwards reduced the laws which he had received into writing, but not the explanations of them; these he thought it sufficient to trust to the memories of the abovementioned persons, who, being perfectly instructed in them, delivered them to their children, and these again to theirs, from age to age.

* "AHABATH OLAM.

"*A Prayer repeated in the* Royal-Arch Lodge *at* Jerusalem.

"THOU hast loved us, O Lord our God, with eternal love; thou hast spared us with great and exceeding patience, our Father and our King, for thy great NAME'S sake, and for our fathers' sake, who trusted in thee, to whom thou didst teach the statutes of life, that they might do after the statutes of thy good pleasure with a perfect heart: So be thou merciful unto us, O our Father! Merciful Father, that sheweth mercy, have mercy upon us, we beseech thee, and put understanding into our hearts, that we may understand, be wise, hear, learn, teach, keep, do, and perform all the words of the doctrine of thy law in love, and enlighten our eyes in thy commandments, and cause our hearts to cleave to thy law, and unite them in the love and fear of thy NAME; we will not be ashamed, nor confounded, nor stumble, for ever and ever.

"BECAUSE we have trusted in thy HOLY, GREAT, MIGHTY, and TERRIBLE NAME, we will rejoice and be glad in thy salvation, and in thy mercies, O Lord our God; and the multitude of thy mercies shall not forsake us for ever: Selah. And now make haste and bring upon us a blessing, and peace from the four corners of the earth; For thou art a God that workest salvation, and has chosen us out of every people and language; and thou, our King, has caused us to cleave to thy GREAT NAME, in love to praise thee, and to be united to thee, and to love thy name: Blessed art thou, O Lord God, who hast chosen thy people *Israel* in love."

(Here follows a selection of Masons' songs, 30 pages. Also a sermon by Wm. Smith, 22 pages.)

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* See Dr. *Wooton* on the *Mishna.*

GRAND MASTERS

OF

PENNSYLVANIA.

"MODERNS."

YEAR OF SERVICE.

1730–31. Daniel Coxe (Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), appointed by Grand Master, the Duke of Norfolk.

1732. William Allen.

1733. Humphrey Murray.

1734. Benjamin Franklin.

1735. James Hamilton.

1736. Thomas Hopkinson.

1737. William Plumstead.

1738–40. Joseph Shippen.

1741–48. Philip Syng.

1749. Benjamin Franklin.

1749. William Allen, appointed by Grand Master Lord Byron.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, UNDER MODERNS, CEASED ABOUT 1775. One or more of the Subordinate Lodges continued in existence until about 1793.

"ANCIENTS."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

1761–81. William Ball (Provincial Grand Master), appointed by the Earl of Kelly, Grand Master.

1782–86. William Adcock.

THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA BECAME INDEPENDENT.

1786–88. William Adcock.

1789–94. Jonathan Bayard Smith.

1795. William Ball.

1796–97. William Moore Smith.

1798–1802. Jonathan Bayard Smith.

1803–05. Israel Israel.

YEAR OF SERVICE.	
1806–13.	James Milnor.
1814.	Richard Tybout.
1815.	Samuel F. Bradford.
1816–17.	Walter Kerr.
1818–21.	Bayse Newcomb.
1822–23.	Josiah Randall.
1824.	J. Bannister Gibson.
1825.	James Harper.
1826–28.	Thomas Kittera.
1829–30.	Samuel Badger.
1831–32.	Michael Nisbet.
1833–34.	John Steel.
1835.	George M. Dallas.
1836.	Tristram B. Freeman.
1837–38.	John M. Read.
1839–40.	Samuel H. Perkins.
1841–42.	*Joseph R. Chandler.
1843.	Cornelius Stevenson.
1844–45.	William Barger.
1846–47.	James Page.
1848–49.	*Peter Fritz.
1850–51.	William Whitney.
1852–53.	Anthony Bournonville, M.D.
1854–55.	James Hutchinson.
1856–57.	*Peter Williamson.
1858.	John K. Mitchell, M.D. Died in office.
1858–60.	*Henry M. Phillips.
1861–62.	*John Thomson, Grand Secretary.
1863–64.	David C. Skerrett, M.D.
1865–66.	*Lucius H. Scott.
1867.	John L. Goddard. Died in office.
1867–69.	*Richard Vaux.
1870–71.	*Robert A. Lamberton.
1872–73.	*Samuel C. Perkins.
1874–75.	*Alfred R. Potter.
1876–77.	*Robert Clark.

Those marked with a * are living at this time, September 25th, 1877.

Benj. Franklin

A° Dom. 1731	Stock of St. Johns Lodge City Philad.a	Dr.		
June 24th	To Wm. Allen Esq. Grand mast.r	£	2	6
	To [illegible]		2	6
	To Jno. Emerson		2	6
	To Thos. Boude		2	6
	To Wm. Pringle Deputy mast.r		2	6
	To Benj.a Franklin	£ 2	2	7
	To Marke Joyce		9	8
	To Thos. Rodman		2	6
	To Jno. Hobart		2	6
		£ 3	9	9
July 4th				

A° Dom. 1731	Contra	Cr.		
June 24th	to Wm. Button Late mast.r	£	2	
	to Thomas Hart farmer		2	6
	to Saml. Nicholas		2	6
	to Thos. Hart Late warden	£	2	6
	to Henry Pratt	£ 2	2	7
		£ 2	12	[illegible]

June 24	[illegible]		2	0
July 5	To Wm. Allen Eqr. for absence this day 1 f & Quota to Stock	6		

(45)

Benjamin Franklin Dr.

1735 June 2	To One Year's Stock	£ –	6	–
1736 June 7	To Ditto	–	6	–
		–	12	–
1737 June 7	To Ditto	0	6	0
Ditto	To the Lodge's geniale Aud. of Expence	–	14	7
		£ 1	–	7
1738 June 24	To One Year's Stock	£ –	6	–

LEDGER

OF

ST. JOHN'S LODGE,

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

PHILADELPHIA.

1731—1738.

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PREFACE.

IN presenting this reprint of the Ledger of the first Lodge in Philadelphia we would say that it is remarkable that the original was for so long a time in the possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and that it should have remained unnoticed by the delvers in History particularly during the time the R. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania was celebrating the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the first Lodge in the United States, and that it should first be brought to the knowledge of the Masonic fraternity by R. W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, on the 27th day of February, 1884.

The importance of the book cannot be estimated when it is considered how very meagre the earlier Lodge records are. By the aid of photography and the kind permission of the Historical Society and the liberality of the R. W. Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, R. W. Bro. Conrad B. Day, the craft have been put in possession of fac-similes of several of its pages.

Through the kindness of the officers of the Historical Society the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania have the honor to be the first to present an accurate copy of the entire Masonic portion of the book. We say the Masonic portion, because the book appears to have been intended, no doubt, to contain the minutes of the Lodge; but owing, possibly to the over cautiousness—a timidness—of the earlier Masons to commit any part of the Lodge proceedings to

writing, we regret to say that minutes were never written in the book. In the year 1790 and 1791 the book was used to keep the accounts of the number of "Testaments delivered," of "Prayer books done," and "copies of the Laws sent to the State House" by the printing firm of which Benjamin Franklin was then, or had previously been, a member.

The book in question is 8 inches long by 12¼ inches wide, and contains about 200 pages, a large number being blank. It is bound in parchment or vellum, with no ornamentation whatever; on the front of the cover is written and printed in ink—

"*Philadelphia City*"
"*St. John's Lodge Libre B*"

The paper is the usual style of that day, unpressed or not calendered, and has as water-mark; on some pages a ribbon or garter with the legend, "*Honi Soit — Mal y Pense,*" in the centre a shield quartered, surmounting the ribbon is a crown; on other pages is a circle with two sprigs of leaves forming a wreath, with the letters "*G. R.*" in centre, surmounted by a crown.

On the back of the book are the words—

"GEORGE F INGHAM
FROM
HIS MOTHER AUG. 4."

It will be noted that this book is Libre "B." We are of the opinion that, inasmuch as the several clubs of that day (1730), of which Franklin was a member, more especially the "Junto," which we believe kept no minutes of their proceedings, so this first Lodge and other early Lodges kept none, and we feel sure that Libre "A" will not contain anything save commercial accounts. In fact, we have creditable knowledge that our surmises are correct, that *Libre A is in existence and contains nothing but mercantile and business accounts.* We are also informed that the jewels of this old Lodge, or those of some of its members, are still in existence, and will in due time be produced.

The Lodge appears to have had several secretaries, judging from the writing or penmanship, and the mode of keeping the accounts, and the dates of entry. From a comparison of the writing of the

secretary, and other written matter and signatures, we are of the opinion that the first secretary was Thomas Boude. A change of secretaries was made about May, 1732, and again on December 3, 1733, and finally in June of 1735–36, when Benjamin Franklin was secretary and continued so until the records or accounts end. It was Benjamin Franklin who balanced the accounts of the members in the Ledger, and he wrote the last entry in the book. The writing has been examined by experts and comparisons made with well known authenticated signatures and other writings of Benjamin Franklin, and the testimony is that the last entries made in the Masonic portion of Libre B, were by Benjamin Franklin.

We have caused to be made photographic copies of portions of the Ledger accounts.

This book also gives us the information that

William Button was the first Master;

Thomas Hart, Bricklayer, was one of the first Wardens.

We will give, as far as possible, verbatim copies of the contents of this ledger. The numbers at the head of the individual accounts refer to the pages in the original book and also the index to the same.

The index on page 2, in the original, contained two letters to sheet, and was written one letter to each page.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
For Library Committee.

Messrs. **SHIPPEN & PRATT**, Wardens for the year 1736.

DR.

To stock for Cash received of Wm. Plumstead, being the Ballance of the last year,	£13. 1.1½
To Ditto recd of Thomas Hart,	1. 1
Do of Tho. Boude, &c.,	30.12.6
	£44.14.7½

Stock for the year 1736.

DR.

To Mess. Shippen & Pratt for Cash pd & ther accr.	£31.6.4

Mess. **PRATT & SYNG**, Wardens for the year 1737.

DR.

1737.			
June	24.	To Cash paid by Joseph Shippen per receipt,	£13. 8. 3½
Do.		To Ditto received of Sundrys,	18.15.10
"		To Ditto " for the Discharge of the Dinner,	5.15.
		To David Parry's Bond,	9.
		To John Hubert's Note,	5.
Sept.	15,	To Cash recd of James Esdaile,	3.
	7.	To Cash of Michael Cario for 3 mos. Stock,	2. 6
			£55. 1.17

Mess. **THOS. CADWALLADER** and **THO. BOUDE**, Wardens for the year 1737.

DR.

To Messieurs Pratt & Syng for Cash recd of them,	£7.3.2
To Do. for David Parry's Bond 9.0.0, John Hubert's Note 5£,	14.
	21.3.2

CONTRA.

			CR.
June	30.	By Cash paid Lawrence Reynolds,	£2. 7. 6
		By Ditto pd Owen Owen,	5. 9.10
		By Ditto pd David Parry,	9
		By Ditto pd Thomas Hart,	12
		By Ditto pd Thos. Hopkinson per Mr. Emerson,	2
		By Cash pd for cleaning the aprons, &c.,	9
		By Pratt & Syng's acct. for the Ballce,	13. 8. 3½
			£44.14.7½

CONTRA.

	CR.
By Cash received this year by Mess. Shippen & Pratt,	£44.14.7½

CONTRA.

			CR.
1737.			
June	24.	By Cash pd O. Owen,	£26. 4.9
Do.		By Ditto for Stephen Potts,	15.
Do.		By Cash pd O. Owens for expenses this day,	6.18.8
1738.			
June	24.	By David Parry's Bond, delivered to the Wardens for the remainder of this year,	9. 0.0
"		By John Hubert's Note, delivered to do.,	5. 0.0
"		By Cash paid Do. Wardens,	7. 3.2
			£55. 1.7

CONTRA.

		CR.
By Richard Parkhouse cash pd his wife 10 weeks 40*s*,		£2.0.0
By ditto for his wife's funeral, viz..		
Coffin,	£1.10.0	
Wine,	0.15.0	
Sugr & spice,	0. 9.8	
Parson, Sexton,	0.14.9	
		3.9.5
		5 9.5

FOR THE YEAR 1736.

The **LODGE GENERAL ACCOUNT**—Expenses to Owen Owen, Cr.

			DR.
736.			
/	5.	To the Amount of Bill for this Night,	£1. 7. 0
g.	2.	To Ditto,	1.14. 4
ɔt.	6.	To Ditto,	1.11.
t.	4.	To Ditto,	1.16.
v.	8.	To Ditto,	1. 4. 4
c.	6.	To Ditto,	2. 5. 9
	20.	To Ditto,	2. 4.11
36–7.			
ı.	3.	To Ditto,	1.14.
b.	7.	To Ditto,	1.17.
ır.	7.	To Ditto,	3. 3.
37.			
ır.	4.	To Ditto,	2.19. 3
ıy	3.	To Ditto,	1. 8. 3
ıe	7.	To Ditto,	1.18. 8
		Sum carried over,	£25. 3. 6

The **LODGE'S GEN'RAL ACC'T**, Dr. For the year 1736.

To the sum brought over, ... £25. 3. 6

£25. 3. 6

CONTRA.

1737.				CR.
June 6.	By Mr. Wm. Allen's	Account	Fo 2,	£10.10.
	By Benj'n Franklin's	Do.	Fo 3,	14. 7.
	By James Bingham	Do.	22,	10.10.
	By Thomas Cadwallader's	Do.	56,	9. 3.
	By Thomas Hart	Do.	51,	9. 5.
	By Thomas Boude	Do.	50,	14. 5.
	By Thomas Hopkinson	Do.	28,	14. 7.
	By Owen Owen	Do.	26,	17. 5.
	By James Hamilton	Do.	52,	16. 6.
	By William Plumsted	Do.	38,	14. 5.
	By Isaac Browne	Do.	33,	11. 1.
	By Phillip Sing	Do.	41,	14. 7.
	By Josuh Rolfe	Do.	42,	15. 5.
	By Henry Pratt	Do.	46,	14. 1.
	By Lambert Emerson	Do.	29,	12. 4.
	By Septimus Robeson	Do.	39,	12. 6.
	By Michell Cario	Do.	55,	7. 9.
	By Wm. Deeming	Do.	54,	13. 1.
	By Wm. Paschell	Do.	23,	10.10.
	By John Jones	Do.	53,	12. 1.
	By John Hubert	Do.	52,	11. 8.
	By Richard Parkhouse	Do.	25,	1. 6.
	By Daniel Humphreys	Do.	57,	4.11.
	By Richard Howell	Do.	43,	10.
	By Thomas Redman	Do.	47,	10.10.
	By Joseph Brentnal	Do.	40,	9. 8.
	By Sam'l McClennan	Do.	17,	10.10.
	By Thomas Bond	Do.	35,	9. 2.
	By Joseph Shippen	Do.	34,	13. 9.
	By Christn Routt	Do.	30,	11.11.
	Sum carried over,			£17. 9.10

CONTRA.

				CR.
1737.	Sum brot over,			£17. 9.10
June 6.	By Lawrence Reynolds pd his Acct.		Fo 48,	10.10
	By Dan'l Parry	Do.	19,	10. 8
	By John Robesen	Do.	36,	10.10
	By William Pyehill	Do.	37,	10.10
	By Owen Owen, his Assumption for Stephen Videle ¾ & Thos Mullins 9. 7,			12.11
	By Cash pd at Several Times,			1.10.
	By the Ballance due to O. O., to be paid by the Wardens out of the Stock of the Lodge,			3. 7. 7
				£25. 3. 6

Stock of **ST. JOHN'S LODGE**, City Philada. DR.

Aº Dom. 1731.			
June 24th	To Wm. Allen, Esq., Grand Mastr,		£ 2. 6
	To Xtopher Thompson,		2. 6
	To Jnº Emerson,		2. 6
	To Thos. Boude,		2. 6
	To William Pringle, Deputy Mastr,		2. 6
	To Benj. Franklin,		2. 2. 7
	To Marke Joyce,		9. 8
	To Thos. Rodman,		2. 6
	To Jnº Hobart,		2. 6
			£3. 9. 9
July 5.	To Jnº Emerson, for amercement,		2. 0
	To Thos Hart, late Warden, for omissions, 2. 6, & this Day, 6,		3. 0
	To Wm Pringle, to this day Quota to Stock,	6	
	To Thos. Bonde for Do.,	6	
	To Marke Joyce for Do.,	6	
	To Jno. Emerson for Do.,	6	
	To Xtopher Thompson for Do.,	6	
	To Benjamin Franklin for Do.,	6	
	To Jno. Hobart for Do.,	6	
		3. 6	£ 3. 6
			£3.18. 3
August 2.	To this Booke bot when Blanck, 16,		16. 0
	To Mr. Joyce paid to Stock for this day,		6
	To Mr. Pratt £2. 3. 1, and absence last meeting, 1s. 6, amounts to,		£2. 4. 7
	To Mr. Tomson,		6
	To Mr. Hart, farmer,		6
	To Mr. Franklin,		6
	To Mr. Whitemarsh,		2. 1.10
	To John Hobart,		6
	To Sam'l Nicholas,		4. 6

CONTRA.

Ao Dom. 1731.			CR.
June 24.	To Wm Button, Late Mast,		£ 2.
	To Thos. Hart, farmer,		2. 6
	To Sam'l Nicholas,		2. 6
	To Thos. Hart, Late Warden,		2. 6
	To Henry Pratt,		2. 2. 7
			£2.12. 1
	To Jno. Emerson, amercement* 2,		2. 0
July 5.	To Wm Allen, Esq., for absence this day 1s., and Quota to Stock 6,		
	To Sam'l Nicholas for Do.,	1s. 6.	
	To Thomas Hart, farmer, Do.,	1. 6,	
	To Henry Pratt, Do.,	1. 6.	
	To Thos. Rodman, Do.,	1. 6.	
		7. 6.	£ 7. 6
			£3. 1. 7
August 2.	To this book when blank, which now was paid for out of stock,		16. 0
	To William Allen, Esq:, & Cash received this day,		2. 6
	To Christopher Tomson, Ditto,		3. 6
	To Thomas Hart, in town, late Warden,		3. 0
	To Saml. Nicholas,		4. 6
	To John Emerson,		5. 0
	To Thomas Hart, farmer,		6
	To Thomas Boude,		3. 6
	To Wm. Pringle,		3. 0
	To Benjn. Frankline,		£2. 3. 7
	To Henry Pratt,		2. 4. 7
	To Mark Joyce,		10. 8
	To Thomas Rodman,		2. 6
	To John Hobart,		3. 0
	To Thomas Whitemarsh,		2.11. 10
	This is the whole sume of money paid into stock of St. John's Lodge to this day of Augst., 1731, viz.,		£8.11. 8
	Out of which sm £8. 11s. 8d., the price of this book, 16s., is taken out,		16. 0
	So that this 2d day of August, 1731, Remains in this stock, viz.,		£7.15. 8

* A pecuniary penalty inflicted on an officer at the discretion of the court.

September 6.	To Christopher Tomson Paid to stock for monthly Quota, .	6.
	To John Hobart for Ditto, ...	6.
	To Thos. Whitemarsh for Ditto, ...	6.
	To Wm. Pringle Ditto for two nights, ...	1. 0.
	To Benj. Frankline Do. one night, ...	6.
	To Thomas Hart for Do., late Warden, . . .	6.

September 6th.	Paide to Stock for monthly Quotas this day, viz.:	
	by Christopher Tompson,	6.
	John Hobart,	6.
	Thomas Whitemarsh,	6.
	Mark Joyce,	6.
	Wm Pringle, for ten months,	1. 0.
	Benjn Frankline, for one month,	6.
	Thomas Hart, late Warden,	6.
	So that the whole stock is this 6th day of September,	£7.19. 8

Ao Dom.
1731.

September 6.	Brot forward from the leaf preceding this,	£7.19. 8
Oct. 4.	To moneys Paid into stock this day, viz.:	
	by Saml Nicholas,	6.
	by Thos. Hart, late Warden,	6.
	Christopher Thompson,	6.
	Henry Pratt,	6.
	Wm Pringle,	6.
	Benjn Frankline,	6.
	John Hobart,	6.
	So that whole stock this is this day in bank is, viz.,	£8. 3. 8

(1)

WM. BUTTON, Late Master, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.
1731.
June 24. To 4 Lodge days, at 6*d*. per Diem, due before you sail'd to Newfoundland, ... £ 2. 0

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(2)

WM. ALLEN, Esq., Grandmr, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days, @ 6*d*. p. diem, ...	£ 2 6
July 5th.	for absence this Lodge day 1*s*. and to stock 6*d*., . . .	1. 6
August 2d.	for absence this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*., . .	1. 6
Septembr 6th.	for absence this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*., ...	1. 6
Octobr 4th.	for absenting this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
Novembr 1st.	for absence this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*., . .	1. 6
		10.
Decembr 6th.	for absence this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*., ...	1. 6
1731–2.		
January 3d.	for absence this day 1*s*. and monthly quota 6, ...	1. 6
March 6th.	for Ditto and monthly quota, ...	1. 6
1732.		
Aprill 3d.	to monthly quota 6*d*., ...	6
May ye 1st.	for absence 1*s*. and Quota 6*d*.	1. 6
		18. 0
June ye 5th.	for absence 1*s*. and Quota 6*d*., . . .	1. 6
		£0.19. 6
July ye 3d.	for absence 1*s*. and Quota 6*d*., ...	1. 6
August ye 7th.	for ditto, ...	1. 6
Septembr 4th.	" Quota, ...	6
Octobr 19th.	" Ditto, ...	6
Novembr 6th.	for absence 1*s*. and quota 6*d*, ...	1. 6
Decembr 4th.	for absence 1*s*. and quota 6*d*., ...	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Do., ...	1. 6
		£1. 8. 0
February 5th.	for Do., ...	1. 6
March 5.	for Do., ...	1. 0
1733.		
April 2.	for Do., ...	1. 6
May 7th.	for Do., ...	1. 6
		£1.14. 0

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CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.
1731.

(2)

PER CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom. 1731. June 24th.	To moneys rec'd to Stock, ...	£ 2. 6
1732. June 24.	By moneys rec'd to Stock, ...	17. 0
		£0.19. 0
		£1. 0 0
Mar. 4.	By Do.	6

June 4th.	for Do.,	1. 6
		£1.15. 6
July 2d.	for Stock,	6
August 6.	for Do.	6
Septembr 3.	for "	6
29.	for "	6
Novembr 5.	for "	6
		1.18. 0
Xbr 3.	for ditto,	6
Janry 8.	for do.	6
Feb. 4.	for do.	6
March 4.	for do.	6
June 3.	for do.	6
		2. 1. 6

(3)

CHRISTOPHER TOMPSON, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom. 1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omition @ 6d. p. Diem,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day,	6
August 2.	To Stock for monthly Quota,	6
Septembr 6th.	To Stock for Ditto,	6
Octobr 4th.	To monthly Quota,	6
November 1st.	To monthly Quota,	5. 0
Decembr 6.	To monthly Quota,	6
1731–2.		
January 3d.	To monthly Quota,	6
February 7th.	To Ditto 6d.	6
March 6th.	To Do,	6
1732.		
April ye 3d.	To Do,	6
May ye 1st.	To Do,	6
June 5.	To Do,	6
		8. 6
October 19.	For Quota, @ 6,	6
Novembr 6th.	For Quota, @ 6,	6
Decembr 4.	For absence & Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		1. 6
January 1st.	For Ditto,	12. 6
Feb. 5th.	For Do Quota,	0. 6
March 5.	For Quota,	6

1734. June.	Balance carried forward to new acc't on Fol'o 44, . . .	1. 1. 6

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P. CONTRA.

		CR.
Ao Dom. 1731. June 24th.	To moneys rec'd, ...	£ 2. 6
July 5.	By moneys Paid to Stock this Lodge day, ...	6
Augst 2.	By moneys paid to Stock, ...	6
Septembr 6.	By moneys paid to Brother Frankline to Stock, . .	6
Octobr 4.	By moneys for monthly Quota, ...	6
Novembr 5.	By moneys for monthly Quota, ...	6
Decembr 6.	By money for monthly Quota, ...	6
1731-2. Jany 3.	By monthly Quota, ...	6
February 7.	By Ditto, ...	6
March 6.	By Do, ...	6
1732. April ye 3d.	By Do, ...	6
May ye 1st.	By Do, ...	6
June 5.	By Do, ...	6
		8. 6
Novembr 6th.	By moneys, ...	£0. 0. 6
february 5th.	By moneys, ...	6
March 5.	By moneys, ...	6

1733.		
Aprill 2.	For Quota,	6
May 7.	For Quota,	6
June 4.	For Do,	6
		£0.15. 0
July 2.	For Quota,	6
Augst 6.	For Do,	6
Septembr 3d.	For Do,	6
29.	For Do,	6
Novembr 5.	For Do,	6
		£0.17. 6
Xbr 3.	For ditto,	6
Jany 7.	For do,	6
Feb. 4.	For do,	6
March 4.	For do,	6
June 3.	For do,	1. 6
		£1. 1. 0
1738, June 2.	To one year's Stock,	6. 0
		£1. 7.

(4)

THOMAS HART, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omitions at 6*d.* p. Diem,	£0. 2. 6
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day 6*d.*,	6
August 2.	for abscence this time 1*s.* and monthly Quota to Stock 6*d.*,	1. 6
Septembr 6th.	To monthly Quota,	6
October 4.	To monthly Quota,	6
Novembr 5.	for abscence this day & monthly Quota 6,	1. 6
		7.
Decembr 6.	for abscence this day 1*s.* & monthly 6,	1. 6
1731–2.		
January 3d.	for monthly Quota 6,	6
february 7th.	to Ditto,	6
March 6th.	to Do,	6
1732.		
April ye 3d.	to Do,	6
May ye 1st.	Abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6,	1. 6
		12.
June 5th.	to Quota 6,	6
		12. 6
		6.
		9. 0

1733.		
April 2.	By Do, ...	6
		£0.10. 6
Augst 6th.	By Do, ...	6
Novemb 5th.	Do, ...	6
		£0.11. 6
Mar. 4.	By Do, ...	1.
		£ 12. 6
1735.		
June 2.	By Cash rec'd at sundry Times for the yr's Stock, .	6.
	By his Ballance in Fo, ...	£ 8. 6
		£1. 7. 0

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CONTRA.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
July 5.	By Cash pd in to Stock this Lodge day, . .	£0. 2. 6
	By moneys to Stock this Lodge day Due, . .	6
Septembr 6.	By moneys Paid for this days monthly Quota, ...	6
Octobr 4.	By moneys for monthly Quota, ...	6
1731–32.		
Jany 3.	By moneys for monthly Quota, . . .	6
February 7.	By Ditto 6, ...	6
1732.		
April 3.	By Do, ...	6
		5. 6
June 5.	By Do, ...	6

		6. 6
July 3.	for absence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.* Due,	1. 6
Oct. 19.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 6.	for Quota,	6
Decembr 4.	for absence & Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Ditto,	1. 6
		18. 0
February 5th.	for absence & Quota,	1. 6
March 5.	for Do,	1. 6
1733.		
April 2.	for Quota to Lodge,	6
May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
		£1. 3. 6
July 2.	for Quota,	6
August 6.	for Do,	6
Septbr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		1. 6. 0
Xbr 3.	for Ditto,	6
Jany. 7.	for Do,	6
Feb. 4.	for Do,	6
Mar. 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	6
		1. 9. 6
1735, June 2.	To one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	To one Ditto,	6.
		£2. 1. 6

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SAMUEL NICHOLAS, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom. 1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days' omittions @ 6*d.* per day,	£0. 2. 6
July 5.	for abscence this Lodge day 1*s.* & to Stock 6*d.*,	1. 6
August 2.	to Stock this night,	6
Septembr 6.	to Stock for monthly Quota,	6
Octobr 4.	to monthly Quota,	6
Novembr 1st.	for abscence this day 1*s.* & monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
		0. 7. 0

	Rests Due to Stock,	6. 0
Aug 7th.	By moneys to Quota,	6
September 4.	By Ditto,	6
1733.		
April 2.	By Do,	6
		£0. 7. 6
July 2.	By Do,	6
August 6.	By Do,	6
Novembr 5.	By Do,	6
Janry 7.	By Do,	6
Mar 4	By Do,	6
		£. 10. 0
1735.		
June 2.	By Cash for one years Stock,	6.
1735, Dec. 1.	By Ditto for 2 Quarterly Payment,	3.
1736, April 6.	By Ditto for 1 Ditto,	1. 6
	Ballance to Fo,	1. 1. –
		£2. 1. 6

24 June, 1736. This acct is carried forward.

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	CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom.		
1731.		
Augst 2d.	By moneys paid Mr Frankline,	£ 4. 6
Octobr 4th.	By moneys for monthly Quota,	6

Decembr 6.	to monthly Quota 6,	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3.	for monthly Quota 6 & abscence 1*s*.,	1. 6
february 7th.	to Ditto monthly Quota only,	6
March 6.	to Do 6*d*. and for abscence 1*s*.,	1. 6
1732.		
April ye 3d.	for abscence 1*s* & monthly Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
May ye 1st.	to monthly Quota 6*d*.,	6
		13. 0
June 5.	to Do,	6
		13. 6
24.		9. 6
	Due,	£0. 4. 0
July 3d.	for abscence 1*s*. Quota 6.	
Augnst 7.	for Ditto, 1*s*. 6*d*.	
Septembr 4th.	for Ditto, 1*s*. 6*d*.	
Octobr 19.	for Ditto, 1*s*. 6*d*.,	6. 0
Novembr 6.	for Quota 6*d*.,	6
Decembr 4.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		
Jaunay 1st.	for Ditto,	1. 6
		£1. 3. 0
february 5.	for Ditto,	1. 6
March 5.	for Quota,	6
1733.		
April 2.	for Do,	6
May 7.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
June 4.	for Do,	1. 6
		£1. 8. 6
July 2.	for Quota,	6
August 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		1.11. 0
Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Janry 7.	for Do,	6
feb. 4.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	1. 6
		1.14. 6

		5. 0
Decembr 6th.	By money pd to both Wardens, ...	2.
1731–2.		
Jany 3d.	& Quota 6d., ...	6
february 7.	By Ditto, ...	6
March 6.	By Do, ...	6
1732.		
May 1st.	By Do, ...	6
		9
June 5. .	By Do, ...	6
24.	. . . . .	9. 6
Novembr 6.	By moneys, ...	6
1733.		
April 2d.	By Do, ...	6
		£0.10. 6
Dec 5.	By Do, ...	6
Mar 4.	By Do, ...	6

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JOHN EMERSON, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6*d.* pr day,	£0. 2. 6
	To amorcement for Breach of our 6th Article this day twice 2*s.*,	2.
July 5.	To Stock this Lodge day 6*d.*,	6
Augst 2d.	for abscence 1*s.* and monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Septembr 6th.	for abscence 1*s.* & monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Octobr 4th.	for abscence 1*s.* & monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Novembr 1st.	for abscence 1*s.* & monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
		11. 0
Decembr 6.	to monthly Quota 6*d.*,	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3.	for Ditto monthly Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
February 7th.	To Quota,	6
March 6.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6.,	1. 6
1732.		
April ye 3d.	for Ditto monthly Quota 6*d.*,	6
May ye 1st.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	6
		16. 0
June 5.	to Quota 6*d.*	6
24.		
July 3d.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Octobr 19.	for Quota 6*d.*,	6
Novembr 6.	for abscence 1*s.* and Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Decembr 4.	for Quota,	6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Do,	6
		1. 1. 0
february 5th.	for Do Quota & abscence,	1. 6
March 5.	for Do,	1. 6
1733.		
April 2d.	for Do,	1. 6
May 7.	for Do,	1. 6
June 4.	for Do,	1. 6
		£1. 8. 6
July 2.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		1.11. 0

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P. CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To moneys recd,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	By moneys to Stock this Lodge Day 6*d*.	6
	By moneys for yor amercements 2*s*.,	2. 0
Decembr 6.	By moneys to both Wardens,	6. 0
		0.11. 0
1731–2.		
february 7th.	By Ditto 6*s*. monthly Quota,	6
1732.		
April 3d.	By Do,	6
		12. 0
June 5.	By Do,	6
June ye 19th.	By Do. recede in full,	4. 0
		16. 6
Augst 7th.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Septembr 7th.	By Ditto,	6
		£0.17. 6
1733.		
September 3d.	By Do,	6
		18. 0

Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Janry 7.	for Do,	6
feb. 4.	for Do,	6
Mar 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		1.14. 6

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THOMAS HART, Farmer, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6 p day,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	For yor abscence this Lodge day 1s. and to Stock,	1. 6
Augst 2.	to Stock this day,	6
Septembr 6th.	for abscence 1s. and monthly Quota 6,	1. 6
Octobr 4th.	for abscence 1s. & Quota 6,	1. 6
Novembr 1st.	for abscence 1s. & Quota 6,	1. 6
Decembr 6th.	for abscence 1s. & Quota,	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3d.	To Quota 6. Made a mistake in the name,	6
February 7.	To,	6
	To Stock for 2½ years @	15.
		1. 4. 6
1735, June 2.	To one year's Stock,	6
1736, June 7.	To one Ditto,	6
1737, June 7.	To one Ditto,	6
	To Cash lent him by the Lodge,	12. 0

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THOMAS BOUDE, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6*d*. p. day,	£ 2. 6
July 5th.	To Stock for this Lodge day,	6
Augst 2d.	For absence 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
Septembr 6th.	For absence 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
Octobr 4th.	For absence 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
Novembr 1.	For your monthly quota 6*d*.,	6
Decembr 6.	To monthly quota,	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3.	For absence 1*s*. and monthly quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
February 7th.	To quota 6*d*.,	6
March 6.	For absence 1*s*. and quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
1732.		
April 3d.	To quota 6*d*.,	6
May ye 1st.	To quota 6*d*.,	6
		13. 0

Dec 3.	By Do,	6
Jany 7.	By Do,	6
Mar 4.	By Do,	6
		£ 19. 6
	By Discount with Lawr Reynolds,	15.
		£ 1.14. 6

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Ao Dom.		CR.
1731.		
Augst 2d.	By money pd Mr Frankline,	6
1732.		
January 3.	By monthly Quota. A mistake for Thos Hart,	6
february 7.	By Ditto—a worthy Citysen, A mistake.	6
1733.		
Septembr 3d.	By money to Browing & Stock,	1. 3
Novembr 5.	By moneys to Stock,	6
		2. 3
Jan 7.	By Cash,	6

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P. CONTRA.

Ao Dom.		CR.
1731.		
June 24th.	To moneys recd,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	By moneys to Stock for this Lodge day,	6
Novembr 1.	By moneys for abscence & to Stock for monthly Quota,	5. 0
Decembr 6.	By Quota,	6
1731–2.		
february 7.	By Ditto,	6
1732.		
April 3d.	By Do,	6
		9. 6

June ye 5.	To Quota 6*d.*,	6
June 9.		13. 6
July 3rd.	for absence 1 *s.* & Quota 6,	1. 6
Octobr 19.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 6th.	for Do,	6
Decembr 4.	for abscence and Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Quota,	6
		18. 0
february 5th.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
March 5th.	for Quota,	6
1733.		
April 2.	for Do,	6
May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	6
		£1. 1. 6
July 2d.	for Do,	6
		1. 2. 0
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£1. 4. 6
Xbr 3d.	for ditto,	6
January 7.	for Do,	6
feb 4.	for Do,	6
Mar 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		1.07. 6
1735, June 2.	To one year's Stock,	6. 0
1736, June 7.	To Ditto,	6. 0
		£1.19. 6

June 5.	By Do, ...	6
		10. 0
June 19.	By Do, ...	3. 6
		13. 6
August 7th.	By moneys for Quota, ...	6
Septembr 4.	by Ditto, ...	6
Octobr 19.		
Novembr 6.	By Do, ...	6
		15. 0
1732–3.		
Mar 5.	By Do, ...	6
1733.		
April 2.	By Do, ...	6
May 7.	By Do, ...	5. 0
		£1. 1. 0
July 2.	By Do, ...	1.
		1. 2. 0
Dec 3.	By Do, ...	1. 6
Jany 7.	By Do, ...	6
Mar 4.	By Do, ...	6
1734, 7br.	By Cash for $\frac{1}{4}$'s Stock, ...	1. 6
1735, 10br.	By Cash for $\frac{2}{4}$'s Stock, ...	3.
		£1. 8.
	By Ballance to Fo, ...	11. 6
		£1.19. 6

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WM. PRINGLE, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24.	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6*d.* per diem,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day,	6
Augst 2.	To Stock for this day,	6
Septembr 6th.	To yor monthly quota 6*d.*,	6
Octobr 4.	To quota,	6
Novembr 1st.	To monthly quota,	6
Decembr 6.	To quota.	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3.	To do,	6
february 7th.	To do,	6
March 6.	To do,	6
1732.		
April 3d.	To ditto,	6
May ye 1st.	to Do,	6
June ye 5.	to Do,	6
		8. 6
July 3.	to Quota,	6
Augst 7.	to Do,	6
Septembr 4.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Octobr 19.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 6.	for Quota,	6
Decembr 4.	for Ditto,	6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Do,	6
		13. 0
february 5.	for Do,	6
March 5.	for Do,	6
	for moneys lent out of Stock of the Lodge,	£14. 0. 0
		£14.14. 0
April 2nd.	for Qota,	6
May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	6
		£14.15. 6
July 2.	for Do,	6
		£14.16. 0
	To Cash pd by Mr Murray to Capt Atwood,	4. 4
		£19. 0. 0

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		CR.
Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To moneys recd,	£ 2. 6
July 5.	By moneys to Stock for this Lodge Day,	6
Septembr 6th.	By moneys you pd to Mr Frankline for 2 monthly Quotas,	1. 0
Octobr 4.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Novembr 1.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Decembr 6.	By Quota,	9
1731–2.		
Jany 3d.	By Do,	6
february 7th.	By Do,	6
March 6.	By Do,	6
1732.		
April 3.	By Do,	6
May 1.	By Do,	6
June 5.	By Do,	6
		8. 6
July 3.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Augst 7.	By Do,	6
Novembr 6.	By Do,	6
		0.10. 0
1732–3.		
March 5.	By Do,	6
1733.		
April 2d.	By Do,	6
May 7.	By Do,	6
		£0.11. 6
July 2.	By Do,	4. 6
		0.16. 0
	By Mr Murray's acct for a Servant,	14.
	By Ballance due to the Lodge,	4. 4
		£19. 0. 0

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Ao Dom.	BENJA FRANKLINE,	to Stok DR.
1731.		
June 24.	To 5 Lodge days omition @ 6*d.* per diem,	£ 2. 6
	To remainder of yor £3 entrance is £2. 0. 1.,	2. 0. 1
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day,	6
August 2.	To Stock for this day,	6
Septembr 6th.	To your monthly quota 6*d.*,	6
Octobr.	To quota,	6
Novembr 1st.	for absence 1*s.* & monthly quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Decembr 6th.	for quota,	6
1731–2.		2. 6. 7
Jany 3.	for Do,	6
february 7th.	to Do,	6
March 6.	for absence 1*s.* & quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
1732.		
April ye 3d.	to quota 6*d.*,	6
May ye 1.	for absence 1s. & quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
June ye 5.	for quota 6*d.*,	6
		£2.11. 7
July 3.	for Quota,	6
Augst 7.	for Do,	6
Septembr 4.	for Do,	6
Octobr 19,	for Do,	6
Novembr 6.	for absence 1*s.* & quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Decembr 4.	for ditto,	1. 6
1732–3.		
Jan. 1.	for quota,	6
		£2.16. 7
february 5.	for Do,	6
March 5.	for Do,	2
1733.		
April 2.	for absence 1*s.* & quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
May 7.	for quota,	6
June 4.	for do,	6
		£3.10. 1
July 2.	for Do,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
	This day moneys Pd you for day book, &c.,	15. 0
Sept. 3.	for Quota,	6
" 29.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		3.17. 7
Xbr. 3.	for Do,	6
Jan. 7.	for Do,	6
Feb. 4.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		4. 1. 1

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Aº Dom.				CR.
1731.				
June 24th.	To moneys rec'd overpluss of yr expences entering,			£2. 2. 7
July 5.	By moneys to stock for this Lodge day,			6
Augst 2.	By moneys to stock,			6
Septembr 6th.	By moneys you paid for monthly quota,			6
Octobr 4.	By moneys for quota,			6
Decembr 6.	By moneys paid,			1. 6
				2. 6. 1
1731–2.				
Jany 3d.	By do,			6
february 7.	By do,			6
1732.				
April 3.	By do, quota & for last time absence 2*s.*,			2. 0
June 5.	By quota 6*d.*,			6
				£2. 9. 7
" 19.	By moneys for absence & quota,			1. 6
				£2.11. 1
July 3d.	By moneys for quota 6*d.*,		6	
Augst 7.	By do,		6	
Septembr 4.	By do,		6	
			1. 6	1. 6
1732–3.				£2.12. 7
March 5.	By moneys paid,			4. 6
	By moneys lent the Lodge by William Pringle 5*s.*,			5. 0
				3. 2. 1
July 2.	By moneys for quota,			6
Augst 6.	By do,			6
Novembr 5th.	By do,			6
				3. 3. 7
	Cr. by Day Book, 13*s.*,			13. 0
				£3.16. 7
Dec. 3.	By do,			6
Jan. 7.	By do,			6
Mar. 4.	By do,			6
				£3.18. 1
1734.	By cash rec'd,			3.
				£4. 1. 1

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HENRY PRATT, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge Days omitions at 6*d*. p. diem,	£ 2. 6
	To remainder of yor £3. 0. 0. Entrance is £2. 0. 1,	£2. 0. 1
July 5.	to Stock for this Lodge Day 6*d*. & for abscence this day,	1. 6
August 2.	to Stock for this day,	6
Septembr 6th.	for abscence 1*s*. & monthly Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
Octobr 4.	To Quota,	6
Novembr 1st.	for abscence 1*s*. & monthly Quota,	1. 6
Decembr 6.	for abscence 1*s*. & monthly Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
1731–2.		
Jany 3.	for Do,	1. 6
february 7th.	to Quota 6,	6
March 6.	to Quota 6*d*.,	6
1732.		
April 3d.	for absence 1*s*. & Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
May ye 1.	for Ditto 1*s*. 6*d*.,	1. 6
		£2.15. 1
June 5.	to Quota,	6
24.		2.18. 7
		2. 5. 7
	Due,	0.10. 0
July 3d.	for abscence 1*s*. & Quota 6,	1. 6
August 7,	for Quota,	6
Septembr 4.	for Quota,	6
Octobr 19.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 6.	for Do,	6
Decembr 4.	for Do,	6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Do,	6
		£3. 0. 1
february 5.	for Do,	6
March 5.	for Do,	6
1733.		
April 2d.	for Do,	6
May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	6
		£3. 2. 7
July 2d.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3. 5. 1

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom.		
1731.		
August 2.	By moneys recd p. Mr Franklin to Stock,	£2. 4. 7
Octobr 4.	By moneys for this month's Quota,	6
1731–2.		
february 7.	By Do,	6
		2. 5. 1
June 5.	By Do,	6
		2. 5. 7
August 7.	By moneys for Quota,	6
September 4.	By Do,	6
Octobr 19.		
Novembr 6.	By Do	6
		£2. 7. 1
1732–3.		
March 5.	By Do paid to Stock,	6
1733.		
	By moneys lent the Lodge for Wm Pringle,	1. 0
April 2d.	By moneys for Quota,	6
		£2. 9. 1
Septr 3.	for Do,	6
		2. 9. 7
Dec. 3.	By Do,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
		2.10. 7

Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Jany 7.	for do,	6
feb. 4.	for do,	6
March 4.	for do,	6
June 3.	for do,	6
		3. 8. 7

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MARK JOYCE, Merchtt, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom. 1731.			
June 24th.	To one Lodge day's omition @ 6d.,	£	6
	to ye remainder of yr £3 at Entrace is £0. 9. 2,		9. 2
July 5.	To Stock for Lodge day,		6
August 2.	To Stock for this day,		6
Septembr 6th.	To monthly Quota, 6d.,		6
Octobr 4.	to Quota,		6
Novembr 1st.	to Quota 6,		6
Decembr 6.	to Quota 6,		6
1731–2.			
Jany 3.	for Do,		6
february 7.	to Do,		6
			13. 8

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THOMAS RODMAN. to Stock DR.

Ao Dom. 1731.			
June 24th.	To 5 day's omitions at 6d. pr Diem,	£	2. 6
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day 6d., abscence 1s.,		1. 6
August 2.	for abscence 1s. and monthly Quota 6d.,		1. 6
Septembr 6.	for absence 1s. and monthly Quota 6,		1. 6
Octobr 4.	for abscence 1s. & Quota,		6
Novembr 1st.	for abscence 1s. & Quota 6d.,		1. 6
			0. 9. 0
Decembr 6.	to monthly Quota 6d.,		6
1731–2.			
Jany 3.	for abscence 1s. & monthly Quota 6,		1. 6
february 7.	for Ditto 1s. 6,		1. 6
March 6.	for Quota 6,		6
1732.			
April 3d.	for abscence 1s. & Quota 6,		1. 6
May 1st.	to Quota 6,		6
			15. 0

1734.	By Cash in full, ...	18.
		£3. 8. 7

See new acct Folo.

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To moneys recd, ...	9. 8
July 5.	By moneys to Stock for this Lodge day, ...	6
Augst 2.	By moneys to Stock, ...	6
Septembr 6.	By moneys Pd for monthly Quota, ...	6
Octobr 4.	By money for Quota, ...	6
Novembr 1st.	By moneys for Quota, ...	6
Decembr 6.	By Quota, ...	6
1731–2.		
Jany 3d.	By Do, ...	6
february 7th.	By Do, ...	6
		13. 8

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom.		
1731.		
June 24th.	To moneys recd, ...	£ 2. 6
Decembr 6th.	By moneys pd to both Wardens, ...	2. 0
1731–2.		
March 6.	to Quota, . . .	6
		5. 0

June 5.	for abscence 1*s.* and Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
		16. 6
		5.
		11. 6
July 3d.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
August 7.	for Quota,	6
Septembr 4.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6,	1. 6
Octobr 19.	for Quota,	6
Novembr 6.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
Decembr 4.	for Ditto,	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Ditto,	1. 6
		£1. 5. 0
feburary 5th.	for Do,	1. 6
March 5.	for Quota,	6
1733.		
April 2.	for Do,	6
May 7.	for Quota,	6
June 4.	for Do.	6
		£1. 8. 6
July 2.	for Quota,	6
August 6.	for Do,	6
Sept. 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5th.	for Do,	6
		£1.11. 0
Xbr 3.	for Ditto,	6
Jany 7.	for Do,	6
feb. 4.	for do,	6
March 4.	for do,	6
June 13.	for do,	1. 6
		1.14. 6

1732.		
Augst 7.	By moneys for Quota, ...	6
Septembr 4.		
1732-3.		
March 5.	By moneys for Quota, ...	6
1733.		
April 2.	By Do, ...	6
		£0. 6. 6
Novembr 5.	By Do, ...	6
		0. 7. 0
Dec. 3.	By Do, ...	6
		£ 7. 6

Ballance carried forward to new acct. Fo.

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JOHN HOBART, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.				
1731.				
June 24th.	To 5 Lodge days omitions @ 6 per diem,		£	2. 6
July 5.	To Stock for this Lodge day 6*d.*,			6
Augst 2.	To Stock for this day,			6
Septembr 6th.	To monthly quota,			6
Octobr 4.	To quota,			6
Novembr 1st.	To quota 6*d.*,			6
Decembr 6.	To quota 6*d.*,			6
1731–2.				
Jany 3d.	To Do,			6
february 7th.	To Do,			6
March 6.	To Do,			6
1732.				
April 3.	To Do,			6
May ye 1st.	to Do,			6
June 5.	to Do,			1. 6
24.				
				8. 6
July 3d.	for Quota 6.			
August 7.	for Do 6.			
Septembr 4.	for Do 6.			
October 19.	for Do 6.			
	2. 0,			2. 0
Novembr 6.	for Do,			6
Decembr 4.	for Do 6*d.*			
1732–3.				
January 1st.	for Do 6*d.*,			1. 0
	1*s.*			12. 0
february 5.	for Do,			6
March 5.	for Do,			6
1733.				
April 2.	for Do,			6
May 7.	for Do,			6
June 4.	for Do,			6
				£0.14. 6
July 2.	for Do,			6
Augst 6.	for Do,			6
Septr 3d.	for Do,			6
March 5.	for Do,			6
				£0.16. 6
Xbr. 3.	for Do,			6
Jany 7.	for Do,			6
februy 4.	for Do,			6

P. CONTRA.

Ao Dom.			CR.
1731.			
June 24th.	To moneys recd,		£ 2. 6
July 5.	By moneys to Stock for this Lodge day,		6
Augst 2.	By moneys to Stock,		6
Septembr 6th.	By moneys Pd Mr Frankline,		6
Octobr 4.	By moneys for Quota,		6
Novembr 1st.	By moneys for Quota,		6
Decembr 6th.	By Quota,		6
1731–2.			
Jany 3d.	By Do,		6
february 7th.	By Do,		6
March 6.	By Do,		6
1732.			
April 3d.	By Do,		6
May ye 5th.	By Do,		6
June 5.	By Do,		6
24.			
			8. 6
July 3d.	By moneys for Quota	6.	
Augst 7.	By Do	6.	
Septembr 4.	By Do	6.	
Octobr 19.		1. 6,	1. 6
Novembr 6.	By Do,		6
1733.			10. 6
April 2.	By Do,		6
			£0.11. 0
July 2d.	By Do,		3. 6
Augst 6th.	By Do,		6
Septr 3d.	By Do,		6
29.	By Do,		6
Novembr 5.	By Do,		6
			16. 6
Dec. 3.	By Do,		6
Jany. 7.	By Do,		6

Mar 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		1. 0. 6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
		1.12.

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THOMAS WHITEMARSH, to Stock DR.

A° Dom. 1731.		
July 5th.	for your Entrance,	£3. 0. 0
Augst 2,	to Stock for this day,	6
Septembr 6th.	to ye monthly Quota,	6
	This Brother gon to South Carolina for settlement.	
		3.01. 0

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JOHN HALL, to Stock DR.

A° Dom. 1731–2 & 1732.		
february 7th.	P by his own consent for a proprity to our Stock,	£2. 0. 0
	to your Quota for this Lodge day,	6
Mar. 6.	to Ditto,	6
April 3.	to Do,	6
May 1st.	to Do,	6
June 5.	for abscence 1*s*. & Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
		2. 3. 6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.

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SAMUEL McCLANAN, to Stock DR.

A° Dom.		
february 7.	By his own consent for a propriety to our Stock,	£2. 0. 0
	to your Quota for this Lodge day,	6
Mar. 6.	to your Quota,	6
Aprl 3.	to Do,	6
May 1st.	to Do,	6
June 5.	for abscence 1*s*. & Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
		£2. 3. 6
1733.		
July 2.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6

Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
		£ 18.
1734–5.		
March.	By Cash recd for ¼ly Payment,	1. 6
	Balance to fol.,	£ 12. 6
		£1.12.

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PER CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.		
1731–2 & 1732.		
february 7th.	By your Quota for this Lodge day,	£ 6
Mar. 6th.	By Ditto,	6
April 3d.	By Do,	6

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PER CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.		
1731–2 & 1732.		
february 7th.	By your Quota for this Lodge day,	6
Mar. 6th.	By Ditto,	6
Aprl. 3.	By Do,	6
		1. 6

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P. CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.		
1731–2 & 1732.		
february 7th.	By your Quota for this Lodge day,	6
Mar. 6.	By Do,	6
April 3rd.	By Do,	6
		1. 6
1733.		
July 2d.	By moneys recd p. James Bingham,	£2. 0. 6
Septr 29.	By moneys for Quota,	6

Septr 3d.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£2. 6. 0
Xbr. 3.	for Do,	6
Jany. 7.	for Do,	6
feby 7.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		2. 9. 6
1735, June 2.	To one year's Stock,	6
1736, June 7.	To one Ditto,	6
1737, June 6.	To one Ditto,	6
Do.	To the Lodge general acct. of Expenses,	10.10
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

(18)

LAURENCE REYNOLDS, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731–2 & 1732.		
february 7th.	To the remaining Part of £3. 0. 0. at your entrance, which is,	11.11
	To your Quota for this Lodge Day,	6
March 6.	to Ditto,	6
April 3d.	to Ditto,	6
May ye 1st.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*,	1. 6
June ye 5.	To Quota, 6*d.*,	6
		15. 5
July 3d.	for Quota 6*d.*	
Augst 7.	for Quota 6.	
Septembr 4.	for Ditto 6.	
Octobr 19.	for Quota 6.	
	2. 0,	2. 0
Novembr 6.	for Do,	6
Decembr 4.	for Do,	6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Do,	6
		£0.18.11
february 5.	for Do,	6
March 5.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
1733.		
April 2.	for Quota,	6
May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	6
		1. 2. 5

Novembr	By Do,	6
	By Do,	6
		£2. 3. 0
Jay. 7.	By Do,	6
1734, 10br 1.	By Cash recd for ¼ly Payment,	1. 6

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PER CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom.			
1731–2 & 1732.			
			£ 11.11
february 7th.	By your Quota for this Lodge Day,		6
March 6th.	By Ditto,		6
Apr. 3.	By Do,		6
June 5.	By Do,		6
			13.11
	By Do,		1. 6
July 3.	By moneys for Quota	6*d*.	
Augst 7.	By Do	6.	
Septembr 4.	By Do	6.	
		1. 6,	1. 6
Novembr 6.	By Do,		6
			£0.17. 5
1733.			
April 2.	By Do,		6
May 7.	By Do,		6
			£0.18. 5

June 25.	to yor noate of hand for 30*s.*, passed in favour of David Parry, Due to him, and made yorself Dr. to the Lodge for,	£1.10. 0
		2.12. 5
July 2d.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
July 2d.	for Cash 6*s.* Discount 3*s.* to ballance for Aprons, as per yor acct Cr. tother side,	9.
		£3. 3.11
Xbr. 3.	for Do,	6
Jany 7.	for Do,	6
12 Mo 4.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		3. 7. 5

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DAVID PARRY, to Stock DR.

Ao Dom. 1731–2 & 1732.		
March 6th.	To the remaining part of £3. 0. 0. at yor Entrance, which is,	£3. 0. 0
	To your Quota for this Lodge day,	6
April 3d.	to Ditto,	6
May ye 1st.	to Do,	6
June ye 5.	to Do,	6
		3. 2. 0
24.		2.
	Due,	3. 0. 0
July 3.	for abscence 1*s.* & Quota 6*d.*	
Augst 7.	for Quota 6.	
Septembr 4.	for Do 6.	
Octobr 19.	for Do 6.	
	3*s.* 0,	3. 0
Novembr 6.	for Do,	6
Decembr 4.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for Ditto,	1. 6
		£3. 6. 6
february 5.	for Quota,	6
March 5.	for abscence & Quota,	1. 6
1733.		
April 2d.	for Quota,	6

June 25.	By Laurence Reynolds his acct the Lodge is Dr for Aprons, 20 in number, @ 2s., ...	£2. 0. 0
		£2.18. 5
July 2d.	By moneys recd, ...	4. 6
April 6.	By Do, ...	6
Septr 3.	By Do, ...	6
		£3. 3.11
Mar. 4.	By Do, ...	6
1734.	By Cash in full, ...	3.
		£3. 7. 5

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P. CONTRA. CR.

Ao Dom. 1731–2, 1733.		
March 6.	By your Quota for this Lodge day, ...	£ 6
April 3.	By Ditto, ...	6
May ye 1st.	By Do	6
June 5.	By Do, ...	6
		2. 0
Augst 7.	By moneys for Quota 6d., ...	6
Septembr 4.	By Do, ...	6
Novembr 6th.	By Do, ...	6
		5. 6
1732.		
April 2d.	By Do, ...	6

May 7.	for Do,	6
June 4.	for Do,	6
		£3.10. 0
July 2.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3.12. 6
Xbr 3.		6
Janry 7.		6
12 Mo 4.		6
Mar 4.	for Do,	6
June 3,	for Do,	1. 6
		3.16. 0
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	To one Ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct. for Expence,	10. 8
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

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HUMPHRY MURRAY, to Stock of St. John's Lodge DR.

Aº Dom. 1732.		
Octobr 19.	for quota 6*d*.,	6
Novembr 6.	for entrance £3. 0. 0.,	3. 0. 0
Decembr 4.	for quota,	6
1732–3.		
January 1st.	for absence and monthly quota,	1. 6
		£3. 2. 6
February 5.	for quota,	6
March 5.	for quota,	6
1733.		
April 2.	for Quota,	6
May 7.	for abscence 1*s*. & Quota to Stock 6*d*.,	6
June 4.	for Quota,	6
		£3. 7. 6
July 2.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3d.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3. 5. 0

May 7.	By Do, ...	6
		6. 6
June 24th.	By gloves Delevd to this Lodge day 12 months past, as p. acct hereto annexed, ...	£1.16. 0
	By Laurence Reynolds his cash note endorsed by David Parry for, ...	£1.10. 0
		£3.12. 6
July 2d.	By moneys for Quota, ...	1. 0
Septembr 3.	By Do, ...	6
29.	By Do, ...	6
Novembr 5.	By Do, ...	6
		£3.15 0
Dec. 3.	By Do, ...	6
Mar. 4.	By Do, ...	6
		£ 3.16
1734.	By Cash for 2 Qly Paymts 7br & March, . .	3.
1735, Dec. 15.	By Cash for 2 Ditto, ...	3.

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	PER CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom. 1731.		
Novembr 6th.	By moneys, ...	£3. 0. 6
1732–3.		
March 5.	Moneys, ...	3.
1733.		
April 2d.	By Do, ...	6
		£3. 4. 0
June 25.	By Do pd Js Bingham, ...	1. 0
Augst 6.	By moneys for Quota, ...	6
Septr 29.	By Do, ...	6
Novembr 5.	By Do, ...	
		£3. 6. 6

Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Jany 7.	for Ditto,	6
12 Mo. 4.	for Do.	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		3.11. 0
	To Mr. Wm Pringle's acct.,	14.
		£17.11. –
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1735, Aug. 4.	For 2 monts Stock,	1.
		£17.18. –
1736, June 24,	To the above Ballance,	£4.17.

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JAMES BINGHAM, to Stock of St. John's Lodge Dr.

Ao Dom.		
1732.		
Octobr 19.	for Quota 6*d*.,	£ 6
Novembr 6th.	for Entrance £3. 0. 0,	£3. 0. 0
Decembr 4.	for absence & monthly Quota,	1. 6
1732–3.		
January 1.	for Quota,	6
		£3. 2. 6
february 5.	for Quota,	6
March 5.	for Do.,	6
1733.		
April 2.	for Do,	6
May 7th.	for abscence 1*s*. & Quota 6*d*.,	1. 6
June 4.	for Quota 6*d*.,	6
		£3. 6. 0
July 2.	for Do,	6
August 6.	for Do,	6
Septembr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3. 8. 6
Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Janry 7.	for Do,	6
12 Mo. 4.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		3.12. 0

Jany 7.	By Cash,	6
	By Cash pd Captt Atwood for Wm Pringle,	4. 4
Mar. 3.	By Ditto pd Mr. Thos. Hopkinson,	5. 0
	By Cash,	4
		£ 12.15
1734.	By Cash for 2 Qly Payments 7th March,	3
1735, June 2.	By Cash for Do to 2 June,	3
	Ballance due to Stock,	4.17
		£ 17.18
	By Cash recd,	3
	Ballance to the Stock,	4.14

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Ao Dom.	P. CONTRA.	CR.
1732. Novembr 6th.	By moneys,	£3. 0. 6
1732–3. March 5.	By moneys,	3.
1733.	By moneys lent the Lodge for Wm Pringle,	1. 0
April 2d.	By moneys for Quota,	6
		£3. 5. 0
June 25.	By Do pd yorself to Stock,	1. 0
July 2.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Septr 3.	By Do,	6
Novembr 5th.	By Do,	6
		£3. 7. 6
Jan. 3.	By Cash,	6
Mar. 4.	By Cash,	6
1734.	By Cash to Ballance,	3. 6

1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
		£3.18.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1737, June 6,	For Ditto,	6. 0
		£0.12. 0

(22)

JOHN CRAPP, to Stock of St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1732-3.		
March 5.	to yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
1733.		
April 2d.	for abscence 1s. & Quota 6d.,	1. 6
May 7.	for Quota 6d.,	6
June 4th.	for Do,	6
		£3. 2. 6
July 2.	for Do,	6
August 6.	for Do,	6
Septr 3.	for Do,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3. 5. 0
Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Jany 7.	for Do,	6
12 Mo. 4.	for Do,	6
Mar. 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	1. 6
		3. 8. 6

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WILLIAM PASCHAL, to Stock of St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1733.		
April 2.	for your Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
May 7.	for Quota,	6
July 4.	for Do,	6
		£3. 1. 0
July 2d.	for Quota,	6
Augst 6th.	for Quota,	6
Septembr 3d.	for Ditto,	6
29.	for Do,	6
Novembr 5.	for Do,	6
		£3. 3. 6

1735, June 7.	By Cash for one year's Stock, ...	6.
		£3.18.
1736.		
7br 6th.	By Cash received by the Wardens for ¼ year's Stock, . .	1. 6
1737, June 24.	By Cash for Stock in full, ...	10. 6
		£0.12. 6

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom. 1732–3.		
March 5.	By moneys, ...	£1. 0. 0
	By moneys lent the Lodge for Wm. Pringle, .	2. 6
May 7.	By moneys paid T. Boude, ...	2. 0
		£1. 4. 6
June 19.	By moneys paid to T. Bd on part of Entrance moneys, . . .	1.17. 6
		£3. 2. 0
July 2d.	By moneys for Quota, ...	1. 0
Augst 6.	By Do, ...	6.
Septr 29.	By Do, ...	6
Novembr 5.	By Do, ...	6
		£3.04. 6
Dec. 3.	By Do, ...	6
Mar. 4.	By Do, ...	6
1734.	By Cash to Ballance, ...	3.
		£3. 8. 6

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom. 1732.		
August. 6.	By money for monthly Quota, ...	£0. 0. 6
Septr 29.	By Do, ...	6
Novembr 5.	By Do, ...	6
		1. 6

Xbr 3.	for Do,	6
Jany 7th.	for Do,	6
12 Mo. 4.	for Do,	6
March 4.	for Do,	6
June 3.	for Do,	6
		3. 7.
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's generale acct for Expense,	10.10
		£4.11.10
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

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PETER CUFF, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1733.		
May 7.	To yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
June 4.	To Quota to Stock,	6
July 2.	for Do,	6
Augst. 6.	to Do,	6
Septr 3.	to Do,	6
29.	to Do,	6
Novbr 5.	to Do,	6
		£3. 3. 0
Xbr 3.	to Stock,	6
Jany 7.	to Ditto,	6
12 Mo. 4.	to Do,	6

(25)

RICHARD PARKHOUSE, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1733.		
May 7.	to yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
June 4.	to yor Quarterly Stock,	6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
		£3.12. 6
1737, June 6.	To the Lodge's generale acct,	1. 6
		£3.14.
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1738, June 24.	To Cash paid by the Wardens, Mes. Cadwallader and Boude, to his wife 40s., and for her funeral charges, 3. 9. 5,	5. 9. 5

Xbr 3.	By Do,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
1734.	By 2 Qly Payments paid 7ber & March,	3.
1736, June 24.	By Cash pd Jos. Shippen, Jun. Ward.,	2.10.
1737, June 24.	By Cash in full,	2. 0. 4
		£4.15.10

(24)

	PR. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom. 1733.		
July 2d.	By moneys in part,	£2. 1. 0
August 6.	By Do,	6
Septr 3d.	By Do,	6
29.	By Do,	6
Novbr 5.	By Do,	6
		£2. 3. 0
Xbr 3.	By Cash,	6
Jany 7.	By Cash,	6

(25)

	PR. CONTRA.	CR.
Ao Dom. 1733.		
June 19.	By moneys to Stock paid to T. Boude,	£3. 0. 6
	By Cash,	6.
1736.		
June 24.	By an allowance of the Lodge,	6.
		£3.12. 6
	By Cash in full,	1. 6
		£3.14.

(26)

OWIN OWIN, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1733.		
July 2d.	to yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
Augst 6.	to monthly Quota,	6
Septembr 3.	to Do,	6
29.	to Do,	6
Novembr 5.	to Do,	6
		£3. 2. 0
Xbr 3.	to Stock,	6
Jany 7.	to Do,	6
12 m 4.	to Do,	6
March 4.	to Do, absent,	6
June 3.	to Do,	1. 6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct of Expenses,	17. 5
	To your assum. for Ste, Videle ¾, & Thos, Thos Mullins,	12.11
	To Cash recd at several times,	1.10. 0
		7. 3.10
1737.		
24 June, 1737.	To Cash pd Henry Pratt and Phillip Syng in full of his Bill of Expenses against the Lodge, 26. 4. 9,	26. 4. 9
		£33. 8. 7
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock.	6.

(27)

JOHN NEWINGHAM, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom. 1733.		
Novembr 5.	To moneys as Rule for being recd a membr of this Lodge and for a propriety to our Stock,	£2. 0. 0
	& to monthly Quota this day,	6
Xbr 3.	To Stock,	6
Janry 7.	To Stock,	6
12 Mo 4.	To Do,	6
March 4.	To Do,	6
June 3.	To Do,	1. 6
		£2. 4.

(26)

PER CONTRA.

		CR.
Ao Dom.		
July 2.	By moneys in part,	£2. 0. 0
Augst 6.	By moneys for Quota,	6
Novbr 5.	By Do,	6
		£2. 1. 0
1735.		
June 2.	By Cash for one year's Stock,	6.
1735, Oct. 2.	By Cash for ¼ Ditto,	1. 6
Dec. 1.	By Ditto for Do,	1. 6
	By short payment of yr reck'ning on last St. John's Day,	10.
1736, 7br 6.	By Cash received by the Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6
	By sundrys as p. his Bill rd on the 24 June, 1737,	30. 7. 1
		£33. 8. 7

(27)

P. CONTRA.

		CR.
Ao Dom.		
1733.		
Novbr 5.	By moneys for monthly Quota,	£0. 0. 6
Xbr 3.	By Stock,	6
Jany 7.	By Cash,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do.	6
		2.

(28)

THOS. HOPKINSON, to St. John's Lodge DR.

A° Dom. 1733.		
Novbr 5.	To Your entrance moneys & quota,	£3. 0. 6
Xbr 3.	To stock,	6
Jan. 7.	To stock,	6
12 mo. 4.	To stock,	6
March 4.	To Do,	6
June 3.	To Do,	6
		£3. 4.
1735, June 2.	For one year's stock,	£ 0. 6
1736, June 7.	For one year's stock,	£ 6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general act. of Expenses,	14. 7
		£1. 7
1738, June 24.	For one year's stock,	£ 6.

(29)

LAMBERT EMERSON, to St. John's Lodge DR.

A° Dom. 1733.		
Novembr 19.	to yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
Xbr 3.	to Stock,	6
Janry 7.	To Stock,	6
febry 4.	To Do,	6
March 4.	To Ditto,	
June 3.	To Do,	1. 6
		3. 3. 0
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
		£ 12.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's generale acct,	12. 4
		£ 18. 4
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(28)

P. CONTRA.

Aº Dom.		CR.
1733.		
Novembr 5.	By moneys for Entrance & Quota,	£3. 0. 6
Xbr 3.	By Cash for Stock,	6
Jan. 7.	By Do,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
		£3. 2.
1734, July 11.	By Cash to Ballce,	2.
		£3. 4.
1735, June 2.	By Cash for year's Stock,	6.
1735, Oct. 2.	By Cash for ¼ Do,	1. 6
Dec. 1.	By Ditto for Ditto,	1. 6
1736, Apl 6.	By Ditto for Ditto,	1. 6
June 24.	By Ditto in full to this Day,	1. 6
		£ 6.
1736, 7br 6th.	By Cash for ¼ of a year's Stock,	£ 1. 6
June 6.	By Cash recd in full,	19. 1
		£1. 7

(29)

P. CONTRA.

Aº Dom.		CR.
1733.		
Xbr 3.	By Cash,	6
Jan. 7.	By Do,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
Feb. 4.	By Cash,	1.10.
		1.11. 6
1734	By Cash in full,	1.11. 6
		£3. 3.
1734.	By 2 Qly Payments made for 7br & March,	£ 3.
1735, Dec. 1.	By 2 Ditto,	3.
1736.		
June 24.	By 4 Ditto in full to J. S.,	6.
		£ 12.
1737, June 24.	By Cash recd in full,	£ 18. 4

(30)

CHRISTOPHER ROUTH, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom.		
1731.		
Novembr 19.	to yor Entrance moneys,	£3. 0. 0
Xbr 3d.	To Stock,	6
Janry 7.	To Stock,	6
febry 4.	To ditto,	6
March 4.	To Do,	6
June 3.	To Do,	1. 6
		3. 3. 6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
		£3.15. 6
1737.		
June 6.	To one year's Stock.	6.
Do.	To the Lodge for one year's expense,	11.11
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

(31)

CAPT. JOHN WAUGH, to St. John's Lodge DR.

Ao Dom.		
1733.		
January 19.	To yor Entrance money for Stock to the Lodge,	£3. 0. 0
March 4.	To Stock,	6

(32)

JAMES HAMILTON, Esq., DR.

1734.		
1 April.	To his Entrance,	3.
	To Stock,	1.
		£3. 1.
1734, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct of Expenses,	16. 1
		£1. 2. 1
1738, June 24.	For 1 year's Stock,	£ 6.

(30)

P. CONTRA.

		CR.
Ao Dom.		
1733.		
Decbr 3.	By Stock Cash,	6
Jan. 7.	By Do,	6
Mar. 4.	By Do,	6
		£ 1. 6
1734–5.		
March.	By Cash for a Qly Payment,	1. 6
1736, Aug. 6.	By Ditto for 2 Ditto,	3.
	By Ditto formerly pd £,	3. 6. 6
June 24.	By Ditto for 2 Quy Payments Js.,	3.
		£3.15. 6

(31)

PER CONTRA.

		CR.
Ao Dom.		
January 19.	By moneys to Stock,	£3. 0. 0
Mar. 4.	By Cash,	6

(32)

CONTRA.

		CR.
1734.	By Cash in full,	£3. 1.
1735, June 2.	By Cash for a year's Stock,	£ 6.
1735, Dec. 15.	By Cash for ½ year's Do,	£ 3.
June 24, 1736.	By Cash for ½ yes Do,	3.
		6.
	By Cash in full,	£1. 2. 1

(33)

ISAAC BROWNE, DR.

1734.		
1 April.	To his Entrance,	3.
	To Stock,	1.
		£3. 1.
1734, 7br.	For ¼'s Stock before he went to sea,	£ 1. 6
1737, June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct of Expenses,	11. 1
		£ 17. 1
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(34)

JOSEPH SHIPPEN, DR.

1734.		
May 6.	To his enterance,	3.
	To Stock,	6
		£3. 6
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
Do.	To the expense acct of the Lodge,	13. 9
		£1. 5. 9
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(35)

THOMAS BOND, DR.

1734.		
3 June.	To his enterance,	5.
1735, June 3.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
Do.	To the Lodge's generale acct,	9. 2
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock,	6.

(36)

JOHN ROBINSON, Atty Law, DR.

1734.		
June 3.	To his enterance,	5.
1735, June 2.	For a year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	6.
		£ 12.

(33)

CONTRA.

		CR.
1734.	By Cash in full,	£3. 1.
1734, 7br.	By Cash sor ¼ly Payment,	£ 1. 6
1736, 7br 6.	By Cash recd by the Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6
	By Cash in full,	15. 7
		£ 17. 1

(34)

CONTRA.

		CR.
1734.	By Cash in full,	£ 3. 6
1735, June 2.	By Cash for a year's Stock,	£ 6.
1735, Oct 2.	By Cash for ¼ Do,	1. 6
Dec. 1.	By Ditto for Do,	1. 6
Ap. 6.	By Ditto for Do,	1. 6
1736, 7br.	By Cash received by the Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6
1737, 24 June.	By Cash received of him by the Wardens,	0.19. 9
		£1. 5. 9

(35)

CONTRA.

		CR.
1735.	By Cash,	£5.
	By Cash for 2 Qly Payments 7br & 10br,	£ 3.
Dec. 1.	By Cash for 2 Ditto,	3.
1736.	By Ditto for 2 Ditto last year's Payment,	3.

(36)

CONTRA.

		CR,
1734.	By Cash,	£5.
1734, 10br.	By Cash for ¼ly Payment,	£ 1. 6

1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct for Expenses, . .	10.10
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.

(37)

WILLIAM PYEWELL, DR.

1734.		
June 3.	To his entrance, ...	5.
1735, June 2.	For a year's Stock, ...	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto, ...	6.
		£5.12.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct for Expenses, .	10.10
		£ 16.10
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock, . .	£ 6.

(38)

WM. PLUMSTED, DR.

1734.		
July 1st.	To his Entrance, ...	£5.
1735.		
June 2.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
1736.		
June 7.	For one year's Stock, ...	£ 6.
1737.		
June 6.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
1738.		
	To the Lodge'g general acct of Expenses, ...	14. 5
		£1. 5
June 24.	For one year's Stock, . . .	£ 6.

(39)

SEPTIMUS ROBINSON, DR.

1734.		
July 1st.	To his Entrance, ...	£5.
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto, ...	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.
	To ths Lodge's gen'rale acct of Expenses, ...	12. 6
		£6.10. 6
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.

1736.	By Cash for last year's Payment, ...	4. 6
June 24.	By Ditto in full of his acct, ...	6.
		£ 12.

(37)

CONTRA. CR.

1734.		
7br, 10br, & Mar.	By Cash for 3 Qly Payments, ...	£ 4. 6
1736.	By Cash for 1 Ditto last year's Payment, ...	1. 6
June 24.	By Ditto in full to this Day p. J. S., ...	5. 6.
		£5.12.
1737.		
June 24.	By Cash in full, ...	£ 16.10

(38)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1734.		
1735, June 2.	By Cash recd, ...	£5.
	By Cash for a year's Stock, ...	6.
1735, Dec. 1.	By Cash for ½ year's Do, ...	£ 3.
1736, June 24.	By Ditto in full to this day, ...	3.
1737, June 24.	By Cash in full, ...	£ 6.
		£1. 5

(39)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1734.		
	By Cash, ...	£5.
1736.	By Ditto last year's Payment, ...	6.
1737, June 24.	By Cash in full, ...	1. 4. 6
		£6.10. 6

(40)

JOSEPH BREINTNALL, DR.

1734.		
Augst 5th.	To his Entrance,	£5.
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Ditto,	6.
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct,	9. 8
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock,	6.

(41)

PHILIP SYNG, junr, DR.

1734.		
8br 7.	To his Entrance,	£5.
1735, June 2.	For 8 months' Stock,	4.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1737, June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's generals acct of Expenses,	14. 7
		£6.10. 7
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(42)

JOSIAH ROLFE, DR.

1734, 8br.	To his Entrance,	£5.
1735, June 2.	For 8 months' Stock,	4.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Do,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Ditto,	6.
	To the Lodge's generale acct of Expenses,	15. 5
		£6.11. 5
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(43)

RICHARD HOWELL, DR.

1734.		
10br 2.	To his entrance,	£5.
1735, June 2.	For ½ a year's Stock,	3.
1736, June 7.	For one year's Stock,	6.
		£5. 9
1737, June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's acc't of Expenses,	10.
		£ 16.

(40)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1735, June 2.	By Cash for a year's Stock,	£ 6. 6
1735, Dec. 15.	By Cash for 2 Qualy Payment,	3. 3
1736, 7br 6.	By Cash received by the Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6

(41)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1735.	By Cash for his Entrance,	£5
	By Cash recd at 3 payments,	4.
1735. Dec. 2.	By Ditto 1 Quly Payment,	1. 6
Dec. 1.	By Ditto 1 Do,	1. 6
1736, 7br 6.	By Cash received by ye Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6
	By Cash pd June 24, 1736,	3.
	By Cash paid June 24, 1737,	19. 1
		£6.10. 7

(42)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1735.	By Cash recd for his Entrance,	£5.
	By recd for 8 months' Stock,	4.
1736, July 5.	By Cash for one year's Ditto,	6.
1737, June 24.	By Cash in full,	£1. 1. 5
		£6.11. 5

(43)

P. CONTRA. CR.

1734–5.	By one Quarterly Payment,	£ 1. 6
1735, Dec. 1.	By Cash for 3 Ditto,	4. 6
	By Cash recd pr W. P.,	5.
1736, June 24.	By Ditto recd pr J. S.,	3.
		£5. 9.
1737. June 24.	By Cash recd in full,	£ 16.

(44)

WM. ALLEN, Esq., Grandmr, to Stock DR.

1734. June.	To Balance of former acct. in Fol'o 2,	£1. 1. 6
1735. June 2.	To one year's Stock due this day,	6.
1736. June 7.	To Ditto,	6.
1737. June 6.	To Ditto,	6.
June 6.	To his absence money @ 10*d*. p.,	10.10
		£2.10. 4
1738. June 24.	To one year's Stock,	6.
June 24.	To Ditto,	6.

(45)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. DR.

1735. June 2.	To one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	To ditto,	6.
		£ 12.
1737, June 7.	To ditto,	0. 6. 0
Ditto.	To the Lodge's general acct. of expence,	14. 7
		£1. 0. 7
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(46)

HENRY PRATT, DR.

1735. June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
		£ 12.
1737, June 6.	for one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct. of Expenses,	14. 1
		£1. 1
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.

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	PER CONTRA.	CR.
1736.		
June 24.	By Cash, ...	£1.17. 6
1737.		
June 24.	By ditto in full, ...	12.10
		£2.10. 4

(45)

	P. CONTRA.	CR.
1734–5.		
March.	By cash rec'd for 3 Qr.' by Payments, ...	£ 4. 6
1735.		
Dec. 1.	By ditto for 2 ditto	3.
1736.		
April 6.	By ditto for 1 ditto	1. 6
June 24.	By ditto for a payment due the last year, ...	1. 6
Do.	By ditto in full to this date, ...	1. 6
		£ 12. 1
1737.		
June 7.	By cash in in full, ...	£1. 0. 7

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
1734.		
Mar. 5 & 7br.	By Cash 2 Quarly Payments, ...	£ 3.
1735.		
Dec. 1.	By Ditto 2 Ditto, ...	3.
1736.		
Mar. 4.	By Ditto pr Wm Plumsted due ye last year, . .	3.
Do.	By Ditto in full to this day, ...	3.
		£ 12.
1736, 7br 6.	By Cash received of him of ye Wardens for ¼ year's Stock,	1. 6
	By Cash received in full, ...	18. 7
		£1. 1

(47)

THOMAS REDMAN, DR.

1734. June.	To Ballance of former acct in Fo,	£1. 7.
1735, June 2.	For one year's Stock,	6.
1736, June 7.	For one Ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct of Expenses,	10.10
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

(48)

LAURENCE REYNOLDS, DR.

1735. June 2.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.
1736. June 7.	For one year's Ditto,	6.
1737, June 6.	For one year's Stock,	6.
D.	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct of Expenses,	10.10

(49)

CHRISTR THOMPSON, DR.

	To his Balla brot from Fo,	£ 8. 6
1736, June 7.	To one year's Stock,	6.
1737, June 6.	To Ditto,	6.
1738, June 24.	For one year's Ditto,	6.

(50)

THOMAS BOUDE, DR.

1736.	To the Ballance of his acct brot from Fo,	£ 11. 6
1737, June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's generale acct of Expenses,	14. 5
1738, June 24.	To one year's Stock.	6.

(51)

THOMAS HART, DR.

1737. June 6th.	To Ballance brot from Fo,	£ 1. 1
	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's general acct of Expenses,	9. 5
1738. June 24th.	To one year's Stock,	6.

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	P. CONTRA.	CR.
1734. Mar.	By Cash for 3 Quarterly Payments,	£ 4. 6
1735. Oct. 2.	By Cash for 1 Do,	1. 6

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1735.		CR.
Oct. 2.	By 1 Quly Payment,	£ 1. 6
Dec. 1.	By 1 Ditto,	1. 6
1736, June 7.	By 2 Ditto,	3.
1736, 7br 6th.	By Cash received by ye Wardens for ¼ of a year's Stock,	1. 6
June 7, 1737.	By Cash recd for ½ year's Do,	3.

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	CONTRA.	CR.
1735.	By Cash pd Wm Plumsted, Senr Wardenn,	£ 8. 6
1736. June 24.	By Ditto pd J. S. in full,	3.
		£ 11. 6

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	CONTRA.	CR.
1736. 24 June.	By Cash received in full,	1. 1

(52)

JOHN HUBERT, DR.

	To Ballc from fo,	£ 12. 6
1737. June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct of Expenses	11. 8
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	6.

(53)

JOHN JONES (Attorney at Law), DR.

1737.	To yr Entrance money,	£3.
June 6.	To one year's Stock,	6.
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct,	12. 0
		£3.18.
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock,	£ 6.

(54)

WILLIAM DEERING, DR.

	To your Entrance,	£3.
1737, June 6.	To ½ year's Stock,	3.
	To the Lodge's generale acct for Expense,	13. 1
	To David Humphry's Entrance,	3.
1738, June 24.	To 3 month's Stock due last September,	1. 6

(55)

MICHAEL CARIO, DR.

1737.	To his Entrance money,	£3.
June 6.	To ⅓ of a year's Stock,	2.
	To his Expense to the Lodge,	7. 9
		£3. 9. 9
9br 7th.	To 5 month Stock,	2. 6

(56)

DOCTOR THOMAS CADWALLADER, DR.

1737.	To his Entrance Money,	£3.
June 6.	To ½ year's Stock,	3.
		£3. 3.
	To his Expenses in the general acc't,	£ 9.
1738. June 24.	To one year's Stock,	£ 6.

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CONTRA. CR.

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CONTRA. CR.

1736. June 24th.	By Cash Entrance money,	£3.
1737.		
		£3.18.

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CONTRA. CR.

By Cash for Entrance,	£3.
By an allowance for a painted foot cloth,	3.

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CONTRA. CR.

1737.	By Cash for his Entrance money,	£3.
June 24.	By Cash in full,	9. 9
		3. 9. 9
9br 7th.	By Cash,	2. 6

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CONTRA. CR.

1736.	By Cash for entrance,	£3.
1737. June.	By Ditto for 2 Quar'ly Payments,	3.
		£3. 3.
24.	By Cash in full,	9. 3

(57)

DAVID HUMPHREY, DR.

1737.	To your Entrance money, ...	£3.
June 6.	To ¼ of a year's Stock, ...	1. 6
	To the Lodge's gen'rale acct for Expense, ...	4. 8
1738, June 24.	For one year's Stock, ...	6.

(58)

JAMES ESDAILE, DR.

1737. Aug. 6.	To Entrance money, ...	£3.

HENRY LEWIS, DR.

1738. June 24th.	For one Qr of a year's Stock, ...	£0. 1. 6

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EDWARD HUMPHREYS, DR.

REMARKS.

THE history of this the first Lodge in the United States (and we doubt if there was one prior to this in existence here), must be of interest to every intelligent Freemason. That this Lodge was a perfectly organized Lodge, as regards aprons and furniture, officers, etc., the ledger will bear testimony.

We feel satisfied that in the Reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, the Library Committee has conclusively shown the following facts:

1st. That Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, was the first Provincial Grand Master in America.

2d. That Coxe's deputation preceded the Henry Price, of Boston, deputation by *four* years.

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By Cash received by the Warden's, ...	0. 5. 2
By Wm Deering, ...	3.

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CONTRA.

Sept. 15.	By Cash pd the Warden's, ...	£3.

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3d. That the Coxe deputation was a continuing one while the Price one was not (see authority given every other year, on St. John's day to elect a Provincial Grand Master, page viii and ix, Introduction, Part 1st).

4th. That Coxe visited the Grand Lodge of England, January 29, 1731, and was greeted as the Provincial Grand Master of North America (see page x introduction).

5th. By the publication of this Ledger, that there was a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731.

6th. That Benjamin Franklin was a Free and Accepted Mason, and made such about January, 1731.

7th. That Benjamin Franklin in 1733–34 had reprinted Anderson's Constitution of 1723* prior to sending the letter of 1734 to Henry Price (see page xiii introduction).

The following is a copy of the title page of the Franklin

*This was the first Masonic work published in America.

Reprint (copies of this work bring fabulous prices, the Grand Lodge Library is in possession of three copies).

THE

CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

FREE MASONS

CONTAINING THE

HISTORY, CHARGES, REGULATIONS, ETC.

Of that Most Ancient and Right
WORSHIPFUL FRATERNITY.

FOR THE USE OF THE LODGES.

LONDON, PRINTED ANNO 5723,

REPRINTED IN PHILADELPHIA, BY SPECIAL ORDER
FOR THE USE OF THE BRETHERN IN NORTH AMERICA,

IN THE YEAR OF MASONRY 5734. ANNO DOMINI 1734.

Attention is called to the words, "Reprinted in Philadelphia, by special order, for the use of the Brethern in North America." What other construction can be put on them but that this St. John's Lodge, by special order, directed Franklin to print it for the use of the Brethern of North America? And then observe this is the book that B. Franklin in his letter to Henry Price, in which he addressed him as "Right Worshipful Grand Master and Most Worthy and Dear Brethern," and signed "at the request of the Lodge," wrote:

"If more of the Constitutions are wanted among you, please hint it to me."

A careful examination of the accounts of the Ledger, will show that: Members who were absent at meetings were fined, or made to pay an "amercement." That there were monthly dues or

"quota." That there was a membership fee or "stock." That they were working under rules of order or By-Laws, for John Emerson was fined twice for their violation.

Speaking of St. John's Lodge and the old Ledger R. W. Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla says editorially in the *Keystone:*

"Three months after Franklin was made a Mason, he printed, in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* of May 6th, 1731, the following reference to Masonry, which has never, to our knowledge, been reproduced since:

"To give the reader what information we can concerning the Society called Free-Masons, we have here inserted the following extract from Chambers's great Universal Dictionary of all Arts and Sciences, printed 1728:

"FREE *or* ACCEPTED MASONS, a very ancient Society of Men, so called; either from some extraordinary Knowledge of Masonry or Building, which they are supposed to be Masters of, or because the first Founders of that Society were Persons of that Profession. They are now very considerable, both for Numbers and Character; being found in every Country in Europe, and consisting principally of persons of Merit and Consideration. As to Antiquity, they claim to a standing of some Thousand Years; and it is said can trace up their Original as early as the building of Solomon's Temple. What the end of their Insititution is, seems still in some measure a Secret; tho' as much of it as is known appears truly good and laudable, as it tends to promote Friendship, Society, mutual Assistance, and Good Fellowship. The Brethren of this Family are said to be possessed of a great Number of Secrets, which have been strictly observed from Age to Age: Be their other virtues what they will, 'tis plain they are Masters of one, in a very great degree, viz.: Secrecy."

"Chief Justice WILLIAM ALLEN, one of the best known men in the Province of Pennsylvania, is named second in this Ledger.

"He was the son of an eminent merchant, and himself one of the most learned, influential, and wealthy men of his time. We have been at some pains to trace, from various authentic sources, his whole career, and have been unusually successful. It is matter of sincere congratulation that the Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania in the year 1732, and a second time in 1750, was a person so distinguished, and that the record of his greatness remains to this day. In the year 1728 he was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia; from 1731 to 1734 (covering the year he was Grand Master) he was an Alderman of the city; from 1741 to 1750 he was Recorder; in 1750, he was again Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, appointed by Lord Byron, Grand Master of England; and in the same year was appointed Chief Justice of the Province, and filled that honorable station for many years. He was distinguished for his love of Literature and the Arts; he was the friend and patron of Benjamin West, the great painter; and he co-operated with Franklin in establishing the College at Philadelphia, now famous as the University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of Congress, and of the Committee of Safety, but became a loyalist in the American War for Independence, and, in the latter part of 1776, placed himself under the protection of Gen. Howe, at Trenton, and two years afterwards made an unsuccessful attempt to raise a regiment for the British cause. A wag said, that he joined the royal side 'because the Continental Congress *presumed* to declare the American States free and independent without first asking the consent, and obtaining the approbation, of himself and *wise* family.' No person in Pennsylvania was richer than Judge Allen, or possessed greater influence. In 1761 he was one of the three persons in Philadelphia who kept a coach. His own was drawn by four horses, and his coachman, who was imported from England, was 'a great whip.' He died in England, in 1780."*

* See MacCalla's "Philadelphia the Mother City of Freemasonry in America," p. 31.

"In 1732 Thomas Boude was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by Grand Master Allen, at the same time that Benjamin Franklin was appointed Junior Grand Warden."

"William Pringle was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1732, by Grand Master Allen.

"William Pringle was a most regular attendant at the Lodge, but one absence being charged against him, to wit., on Sept. 4, 1732."

"John Hubart was a most exemplary member, for he never appears, by his record, to have missed a meeting from June 1731 to June 1738."

"Humphry Murray was elected Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1733. He was a member of the Common Council of Philadelphia in 1739, Alderman in 1744, and Mayor of the city in 1745."

"Thomas Hopkinson was elected Grand Master in 1736. He was an Englishman, and Admiralty Judge in the Province of Pennsylvania under the British Crown. He married a niece of the Bishop of Worcester, England; was a member of the Philosophical Society; and assisted Franklin in his discoveries in electricity. He was the father of Francis Hopkinson, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the grandfather of Joseph Hopkinson, also an Admiralty Judge, and the author of the famous American national song, "Hail Columbia."*

"William Plumsted was elected Prov. Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1737."

"Dr. Thos. Cadwallader, to whom Bro. Henry Bell wrote his well-known letter. (Brother Dr. Cadwallader, the son of John Cadwallader, was born in Philadelphia in 1708, and died in 1779, aged 71 years.)"

"In 1736–7 Owen Owen appears to have been the Secretary of the Lodge, for in that year this Ledger contains the following account."

"From the following entries we infer, that in 1737 and '38 this Ledger was used by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; for Bros. Pratt and Sing were elected Grand Wardens in 1737, and Bros. Cadwallader and Boude, Grand Wardens in 1738, as appears from Franklin's reports of the elections of Grand Officers in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* of 1737 and '38."

"We invite attention to several archaisms evident in the foregoing accounts. Until 1752 the year did not legally begin until March 25th; hence, in 1731, January, February and March are recorded as 1731–2. So, in one instance, February is put down as '12th month' (see Thomas Hopkinson's account). So the word 'omition' is used for 'quota,' or monthly dues, the charge invariably being 6*d*. 'Omition' does not signify absence. The charge for absence was 1s., not 6*d*.

"It is evident, from this Lodge Ledger, that St. John's Lodge met on *the 1st Monday of each month.* This we have verified, by comparing the calendar in Franklin's 'Poor Richard's Almanac' for the year 1733 (in the Philadelphia Library), with the day of meeting of each month for that year of St. John's Lodge. It is thus IDENTIFIED with the Lodge, numbered 116, at Philadelphia (No. 79 on the English register), mentioned in the Dublin Freemason's Pocket Companion, printed in 1735, brought to light by Brother Hughan. It is also evident, that this Lodge was constituted at the close of the year 1730, or beginning of the year 1731, WITH THIRTEEN MEMBERS, for thirteen of the members first mentioned in this Ledger are each charged, on June 24, 1731, with five months *previous* Lodge dues; while succeeding ones are only charged with their current dues."

During the year 1737 the Lodge was suddenly brought before the public in defence of not only its honor, and the credit of the fraternity, but to purge itself of a crime committed either by accident or design and of which they were indirectly charged.

The brethern who composed this Lodge were some of the leading

* Simpson's Philadelphians, pp. 542, 546.

citizens of the City of Philadelphia, men who were beyond reproach, who had been honored with the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens, who were filling high offices in the government of the city and country, it can easily be imagined with what earnestness they defended themselves and masonry from the attacks of their enemies.

We quote from the Pennsylvania Gazette,* published by Benjamin Franklin. In number 444, from June 9 to June 16, 1737, under the head of news we read:

"Philadelphia, June 16."—"We hear that on Monday night last, some people pretending to be *Free Masons*, got together in a cellar with a young man, who was desirous of being made one, and in the ceremony 'tis said, they threw some burning spirits upon him, either accidentally or to terrify him, which burnt him so that he was obliged to take his bed and died this morning. The coroner's inquest are now sitting on the body."

St. John's Lodge at once took notice of the outrage, and at a meeting held on June 16, 1737, directed the following statement to be published, and it appears in the same newspaper:

"Pennsylvania, *ss.* Hopkinson, Grand Master:

WHEREAS, some ill-disposed persons, in this city, assuming the name of *Free Masons*, have for some years past imposed upon several well meaning people, who were desirous of becoming true Brethren, persuading them, after they had performed certain ridiculous ceremonies, that they were really become *Free Masons*, and have lately under the pretence of making a young man a *Mason*, caused his death, as 'tis said by Purging, Vomiting, Burning, and the terror of certain horrid and diabolical Rites. It is thought proper for preventing such impositions for the future, and to avoid any unjust aspersions that may be thrown in the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity on this account, either in this city or any other part of the world, to publish this advertisement declaring the abhorence of all true Brethern to such practices in general, and their innocence of this fact in particular; and that the persons concerned in this wicked action, are not of any society of *Free and Accepted Masons* to our knowledge or belief.

Signed on behalf of all the members of *St. John's Lodge* at *Philadelphia*, the 16th day of June, 1737.

THOMAS HOPKINSON, *Grand Master.*
WILL SHIPPEN, *Deputy Master.*
JOSEPH SHIPPEN, } *Grand Wardens.*
HENRY PRAT, }

* To be seen at the Hall of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

The same advertisement was republished in numbers 445 and 446.

In number 445, appears the following additional information, news:

"Philadelphia, June 23."—"The Coroner's Inquest on the body of the young man mentioned in our last, found that his death was occasioned by the burning spirits thrown upon him, but that as far as it appeared to them, by the evidence they had, the throwing of these spirits upon him was accidental. 'Tis said, however, since the Inquest, further evidence has been given to the Magistrate that it was a voluntary action."

That this had an effect on the future of the Lodge is evidenced by the Ledger as we have been unable to find any printed reference to the Lodge for several years.

In conclusion the reader is referred to the Introduction to Part I, Volume I, for the times of election, and list of officers elected by the Grand Lodge of 1730.

CHARLES E. MEYER, *Chairman.*

ON BEHALF OF

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, M.D.,
WILLIAM T. REYNOLDS,
JOHN L. YOUNG,
J. FRANK KNIGHT,
WILLIAM H. EGLE, M.D.

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WILLIAM SMITH, L.L.D.

FIRST PROVOST OF THE COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA

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From the original painting by Benj.ⁿ West in the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsᵃ

Title-page of earliest Minute Book, of July 29th, 1779, now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

Minutes and Proceedings

OF THE

Grand Lodge

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

ACCORDING TO THE OLD INSTITUTION

In Pensylvania

AND THE ADJACENT DISTRICTS OF AMERICA
THEREWITH UNITED IN

Masonic Jurisdiction.

WM. MOORE SMITH, *Dy. Grand Secy*

Preface of earliest Minute Book, of July 29th, 1779, now in possession of Grand Lodge.

PREFACE.

THE former minutes of this Grand Lodge being either mislaid or carried away by some enemies to the Royal Art, during the confusions of the present war, it has been found necessary to open new books of minutes and proceedings, tho' under all the disadvantages of wanting the Ancient Forms and Precedents, yet in hope of recovering them by means of any faithful brother into whose hands they may in future chance to fall, and trusting that by a due regard to the fundamental rules of the Royal Art, which are invariable and stand fast forever, no considerable mistake can be made, in the following entries, either respecting the form or the substance.

PHILADELPHIA,

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Lodge Open'd in ample form, Philadelphia, July 29th, 5779.

The Right Worshipful Wm. Ball, Esq., G. Master, in the chair.

Brethren: Gibbs, Jones,
W. C. Bradford,
No. 2.

Thomas Dewees,
L. Farmer,
Jonathan Smith,
No. 3.

Brethren: Boyle,
Page,
Clark,
Matthew Whitehead,
Stephen Cronen,
No. 4.

Colonel John Bull,
No. 8.

Ja' S. Howell,
Peter Baynton, Esq.,
No. 13.

Upon a request made by Bros. Jacob S. Howell, P. Baynton, and Alr. Nesbitt to be constituted officers of a new lodge, to be held in this city; their request was unanimously granted, and accordingly Bro. Howell was installed Master of No. 13, and Bro. Peter Baynton his Senior Warden, Bro. Nesbitt's business not permitting him to attend.

An address was received from Lodge No. 17, Queen Anne County, Md., setting forth an inconvenience they labor under by means of the late and present exigencies of the times having prevented them from meeting for a considerable time, and requesting advice and instruction how to proceed. The matter was taken into consideration, and unanimously agreed that they be instructed to resume the proper business of their Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary *pro tempore*, do furnish them with proper instructions together with a copy of this minute.

Colonel Bull, Master of No. 8, personally made an application similar to the foregoing; it was unanimously agreed that No. 8 be again revived, and that the Grand Secretary, *pro tempore*, signify the same to Colonel Bull.

Lodge closed in due harmony at 8 o'clock.

STEPHEN CRONEN,
Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

PHILADELPHIA, October 22d, 5779.

At a meeting of the subscribers, Masters of regular Lodges in Philadelphia, at Bro. Boyle's house, to consider the expediency of collecting the different officers of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, in order to comply with the late resolves of the Grand Lodge, respecting the necessity of choosing Grand Officers before St. John's day next, some of the present members being anxious to resign.

They unanimously agreed that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Grand Secretary, *pro tempore*, to summon the different Lodges under his jurisdiction as soon as possible, as it hath been resolved that a Grand Communication be held on the sixth day of December next.

Resolved further, That the Worshipful Masters of Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 13, wait upon the Right Worshipful Grand Master and acquaint him with the proceedings of this evening, and to assure him of their hearty and sincere wishes for the good of the Royal Craft, and their determination to act with him as far as in their power lies for its general prosperity.

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD, Master No. 2.
THOS. DEWEES, No. 3.
ALEX. BOYLE, No. 4.
JAC. S. HOWELL, No. 13.
MATT. SMITH, No. 21.

Agreeably to the above request I do hereby appoint our Revd. Brother William Smith, D.D., Provost of the College, etc., our Grand Secretary, *p t*, till the Grand Lodge shall meet in General Communication, And I do request our said Revd. Brother to accept the said appointment and act in all things as Grand Secretary to the warrant

now in my possession, and that he will be pleased to prepare circular letters to the different Lodges requesting each of them to attend by their officers with their warrant, books and dues on a certain day, etc.

Given, etc., at Philadelphia, October 30th, 5779.

WILLIAM BALL,
Grand Master.

In pursuance of the above appointment, the following Circular Notice was sent to the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge—

The W^p full Master and Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge No. — are requested to meet the R. W. Grand Master at Philad^a on the 20th day of Decr at which time he proposes to hold a General Communication of all the Lodges under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania, agreeable to the late Resolve of a Grand Lodge held in this City to chuse Grand Officers for the ensuing year, in conformity to the ancient and laudable usage of the hon. fraternity of *free and Accepted Masons.* At which time you are directed to produce your warrant and Book of transactions and to pay all acknowledgments due from you to this Grand Lodge.—By order &c.

WM. SMITH,
G. Sec.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 5779.

Grand Lodge opened in due form, Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., Grand Master in the chair.

4 Lodges represented.

Whereas at a former Grand Lodge it was duly determined and ordered that a Lodge No. 22 be constituted in the town of Sunbury and county of Northumberland in this State, and a warrant having been accordingly granted, to our Brothers Stephen Chambers, Henry Starret, and John Chatham, as Masters and Wardens thereof; our said Bro. Chambers now appearing and requesting to be install'd Master of the said Lodge, he was installed accordingly in due and ancient form, after which Bro. Chambers returned to the Grand Lodge the warrant of No. 9, according to an order formerly made.

Closed in due harmony to meet at the Grand Lodge at 10 o'clock on Monday next to attend the General Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, December 20th, 5779.

Grand Lodge of Communication opened in due form with prayers by the Grand Secretary and an anthem by Bros. Whitehead and Diegel.

The Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master, in the chair.

JOHN COATS, Deputy Grand Master.
WILLIAM SHUTE, Senior Grand Warden.
JOHN HOWARD, Junior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary.
STEPHEN CRONEN, Senior Grand Deacon.
BERNARD, Junior Grand Deacon.

Brethren: Alexander Rutherford, No. 2.
Thomas Dewees, M.
L. Farmer, S. W.
Jonathan Smith, J. W. No. 3.
A. Boyle, M.
Page, S. W. No. 4.
Magraw, M.
Shields, S. W.
Curtz, J. W. No. 5.
William Raisin, M.
Alexander Stuart, S. W.
Forrester, P. M. No. 6.
No. 7, Absent.
John Davis, S. W. No. 8.

Brethren: Jacob S. Howell, M.
Peter Baynton, S. W. No. 13.
James Gilmer, M.
John Herdman, S. W. No. 14.
Samuel Wright, S. W. No. 17.
McCall, S. W.
P. B. Fleury, J. W.
Mark McCall, P. M. No. 18.
Matthew Smith, M. No. 21.
Stephen Chambers, M. No. 22.
Matthew Whitehead,
Jacob Diegel, P. M.

The warrants of the different Lodges whose officers were present were produced in due form, and found to be regular and genuine, excepting No. 14 and 18, which were forgot—

The Worshipful Master of No. 2 produced his warrant, granted June 7, 1758, No. 69 of Ancient York Masons, in England, but

held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania, and desired the same might be renewed under the authority of this Grand Lodge, preserving the precedency of the said No. 2 in Pennsylvania, and reciting the date and preamble of the same, which was agreed to.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Grand Master, and a motion being made and seconded that the present Right Worshipful Grand Master, William Ball, Esq., whose former good government the Grand Lodge do unanimously approve of and thank him for, would do them the great kindness to continue in his office another year, to which his worship consented, and was proclaimed and saluted in due form.

The Grand Master then proceeded according to his inherent right to nominate a Deputy Grand Master, and having nominated Bro. Coats, as Deputy Grand Master, he was unanimously approved and proclaimed, installed, and saluted as such accordingly.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of other Grand Officers, when Bro. Alexander Rutherford was elected Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden; Brother John Wood, Grand Treasurer; and William Smith, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Wardens were then installed, after which the Lodge was called off to Refreshment.

Lodge again opened in due form.

A motion was made and seconded that a new edition of the Book of Constitutions be prepared for the press, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, Bro. Young, Treasurer of No. 2, Bro. Bernard of No. 3, Bro. Whitehead of No. 4, and Bro. Leaming of No. 13 were appointed a committee to revise and prepare the Constitution for the press, and lay it before the next Quarterly Communication, leaving out what may be superfluous.*

It being found difficult from the loss of books and other papers to ascertain what the different Lodges should pay according to the Laws towards the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, it was agreed that for arrears due, each Lodge give what they may think reasonable towards the Charity in proportion to their numbers and abilities, and for the future to pay according to the Laws.

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* The printing of a new Book of Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Lodge was discussed at various Grand Communications until November 22d, 1781, when it was finally acted upon and adopted. See minutes of Communication of that date.—*Library Committee.*

	£	s.	d.
Lodge No. 2, by their Master agreed to give	100	0	0
" No. 3, ...	100	0	0
" No. 4, to make return to next Grand Lodge.			
" No. 5, ...	100	0	0
" No. 6, by their Master	150	0	0
" No. 7, absent.			
" No. 8, to report to next Quarterly Communication.			
" Nos. 10, 11, and 12 absent.			
" No. 13, to report to next Quarterly Communication.			
" No. 14, having been greatly harassed, ...	50	0	0
" No. 15, absent.			
" No. 16, to report to next Quarterly Communication.			
" No. 17, paid Bro. Coats, ...	112	10	0
" No. 18, " "	100	0	0
" Nos. 19 and 20 absent.			
" No. 21, being young, paid Bro. Coates £37 10s. as a gratuity, which with £20, formerly paid for the warrant to Bro. Cronen, makes . . .	57	10	0
" No. 22, just constituted and nothing due, but paid Bro. Coates for warrant, and as an acknowledgement, .	20	0	0

Sundry late regulations of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, transmitted to this Grand Lodge, were read, with a printed Book of Rules, Orders, and By-Laws, to serve as models for private Lodges, which were deposited among the papers of this Lodge.

It was proposed that a new sett of By-Laws for this Grand Lodge and the government of the different Lodges under its jurisdiction be prepared against next Quarterly Communication, and those Brethren of the Lodges in this City, and of such other Lodges as can attend, who shall be the last Past Master after St. John's day next, with the last Past Senior and Junior Wardens of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary, be a committee for this purpose.

A Petition from Isaiah Wool and five other Brethren from Monmouth County, in New Jersey, praying a warrant for holding a new Lodge was read, and their petitions was unanimously granted, and a warrant will be made out when they shall have elected the proper officers.

A petition from George Prades, a brother in distress, was read and referred to a meeting of this Lodge to-morrow.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed, that the thanks of the Rt. Worshipful Grand Lodge be returned to the Past Senior

and Junior Grand Wardens for their faithful and skillful services in their offices, and the thanks of this Lodge was returned accordingly.

Closed in due Harmony, at 8 o'clock, to meet again to-morrow, 10 o'clock A.M.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21st, 5779.

Right Worshipfull WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master, in the chair.

4 Lodges represented.

The humble petition of George Prades, a foreigner, a distressed indigent brother (as appears from said petition), was read, praying relief from this R. W. Grand Lodge. Bros. Bernard and Howard were appointed a committee to inquire into his necessities, and the propriety of his application, and to contribute to his relief, as to them may appear reasonable, not exceeding $100.

Warrants Nos. 15,* 16, and 18 produced and confirmed on motion. Whereas several illegal, irregular, and unconstitutional proceedings of No. 7 have been represented to this Grand Lodge, in admitting members rejected by other Lodges, and recommending candidates as worthy after they themselves had rejected them. The Grand Secretary is directed to write to them accordingly.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the transactions of No. 5, respecting their determining the internal police of their own Lodge exclusive of all superior jurisdiction whatever be erazed, such determination being unconstitutional and repugnant to the fundamental rules and true order of Masonry.

PHILADELPHIA, Decr. 29, 1779.

Grand Lodge of Emergency, opened in ample form.

The R. W. JOHN COATS, ESQ., D. G. Master, in the chair.

3 Lodges represented.

Agreeably to the unanimous resolution of this Grand Lodge, to grant a warrant for a new Lodge, to be held at Middleton, in Monmouth County, in New Jersey, Bro. Wm. Bostwich, the Master elect, received his warrant, No. 23, and was accordingly installed Master, and saluted in proper form. He was instructed how to install Bro. Isaiah Wool, S. W., and Bro. John Motte, J. W., of said Lodge.

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* At Baltimore.—*Library Committee.*

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

PHILADELPHIA, January 7th, 5780.

Grand Lodge of Emergency, opened in due form.

Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master, in the chair.

3 Lodges represented.

It was considered what should be the fees of the Grand Lodge upon granting warrants for new Lodges.

Ordered, That in lieu of the old dues, the sum of four hundred dollars, current money, be for the present substituted, and one-fifth of the said sum to the Grand Secretary, besides parchment and engrossing.

Ordered that Bro. Dean prepare a new set of books for the Grand Lodge, and that some blank certificates be prepared.

A petition from a number of brethren in Cumberland County, praying a warrant for holding a Lodge in that county, was read and ordered to lie over for the determination of the next Grand Lodge.

Ordered that fifty copies of the Minutes of the Grand Communication be printed, and sent to the different Lodges under the Grand Lodge, with extracts of such proceedings of this Grand Lodge since that time, as concerns the Lodges in general.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

PHILADELPHIA, January 13th, 5780.

Right Worshipful JOHN COATS, ESQ., D. G. Master, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, represented.

This Lodge being called by order of the Grand Master, upon the request of sundry brethren, and also in pursuance of a motion made at the last General Communication, to consider the propriety as well as the necessity of appointing a Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, as the correspondence which the rules of Masonry require cannot now be carried on with the Grand Lodge of London, under whose jurisdiction the Grand Lodges in these States were originally constituted; the ballot was put upon the question: whether it be for the benefit of Masonry that a "Grand Master of Masons throughout the United

States" shall be now nominated on the part of this Grand Lodge; and it was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

Sundry respectable brethren being then put in nomination, it was moved that the ballot be put for them separately, and His Excellency George Washington, Esquire, General and Commander-in-chief of the armies of the United States being first in nomination, he was ballotted for accordingly as Grand Master, and elected by the unanimous vote of the whole Lodge.

Ordered, That the minutes of this election and appointment be transmitted to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, and their concurrence therein be requested, in order that application be made to His Excellency in due form, praying that he will do the brethren and craft the honor of accepting their appointment.

A committee was appointed to expedite the business.

Resolved, That the Masters of the four Lodges, together with the Grand Secretary, be a committee to inform themselves of the number of Grand Lodges in America and the names of their officers, and to prepare the circular letters to be sent them as directed above, with all expedition.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

PHILADELPHIA, January 26th, 5780.

R. W. WM. BALL, ESQ., Grand Master, the Right Worshipful JOHN COATS, Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, by desire of the Grand Master.

4 Lodges represented.

A petition from a number of brethren of the town of Reading, and County of Berks, was read, praying a warrant for erecting and holding a new Lodge for the said town and a convenient distance round the same.

The question was then put whether the different private Lodges under the warrant of this Grand Lodge may be represented herein by proxy, and it was resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put who should be admitted as proxy, and it was determined that none but a Master Mason, being a resident or honorary member of the Lodge he is deputed to represent, can be admitted as a proxy for such Lodge, or have a voice in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That every Brother applying for a Grand Lodge certificate, besides the Secretary's fee, shall pay the cost of the parchment and printing his certificate, so that the Grand Lodge be at no expense thereby.

The ballot being put whether the petition from Reading be granted, the same was unanimously agreed to, and it was ordered that a warrant be made out for constituting a new Lodge at Reading to be numbered 24. Bro. Jonathan Potts, the proposed Master of the new Lodge, No. 24, being introduced and found duly qualified, was regularly installed as Master of the said new Lodge, to be held in the town of Reading, and five miles round the same, and the Grand Secretary is ordered to prepare a warrant accordingly.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

PHILADELPHIA, February 10th, 5780.

The R. W. JOHN COATS, Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

4 Lodges represented.

This Grand Lodge was called at the desire of our worthy Bro. the Right Worshipful John Coats, Deputy Grand Master, who, after a proper and affectionate address to the brethren, acquainted them that he was under the painful necessity of removing into another State, at a distance from the seat of the Grand Lodge, but that wherever he might be settled he would at all times exert his utmost endeavors to serve the cause of Masonry and every brother in particular. He signified at the same time his desire of having a warrant for collecting and holding a new Lodge in the county of , in the State of Maryland, where he is going to reside.

The members of the Grand Lodge express their affectionate concern for parting with their worthy brother, the Deputy Grand Master, from whose great learning and knowledge in the Masonic Art, and his zeal to promote the same, the Royal Craft has received great benefit, and they unanimously agreed that when our worthy Bro. Coats shall think proper to apply for a warrant and recommend his officers, this Grand Lodge will most cheerfully grant the same.

A letter from Bro. J. Shallus was read, mentioning sundry worthy brethren who are desirous of a warrant for a new Lodge, to be held

at Bristol, and the characters of the brethren mentioned, viz.: Clarke, Benezet, Palmer, and McIlvaine being well known to this Grand Lodge, our brother, Howell J., G. W., to whom their letter was addressed, is desired to acquaint them, that when they apply by petition in due form for a warrant the same will be granted to them.

The new warrant of the ancient Lodge No. 2, being fairly and beautifully engrossed, agreeably to the order of a former Grand Lodge, was produced and signed.

Brothers Jacob Samuel Howell and John Howard are directed to apply to Brother Blaithwaite Jones, to know whether he has any of the former books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

PHILADELPHIA, April, 5780.

Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master, in the chair.

A petition signed by Bro. Arch'd Anderson, and a number of Brethren of the Maryland Line was read, praying a warrant to hold a new Lodge, and the ballot being put it was unanimously carried in the affirmative. The officers to be Brigadier-General Mordecai Gist, Master; Col. Otho Holland Williams, S. W.; and Major Archibald Anderson, J. W., and the Lodge to be numbered twenty-seven, to be held as a Military Lodge for the benefit of the brethren of the Maryland Line, without interfering with the rights of any fixed or stated Lodges, where the said Brethren may happen to be quartered.

Application from John Coats, D. G. M., for a warrant to hold Lodge at Cambridge, in County, Maryland, was read, and the warrant ordered to be made out agreeable to a resolution of February 10th, 1780, respecting any future application he should make. Lodge called to refreshment. Lodge opened again. Bro. Mordecai Gist, the new constituted Master of No. 27, was installed in form. Closed in good harmony 10 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, June 22d, 1780.

R. W. JACOB S. HOWELL, ESQ., G. M., *pro tem.*, in the chair.

Only 2 Lodges represented.

Ordered that the Grand Lodge be summoned to meet on Saturday next, being St. John Baptist's day, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

St. John the Baptist day, 1780.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form.

The R. W. John Coats, D. G. Master, in the chair, *pro tem.*

Lodges No. 2, 3, 4, 16, 22, 26, represented.

The different officers now present and who have been elected and installed for the next six months, were presented in due form to the Chair, and everything relative to their appointment was found to have been done in due form.

A petition from Talbot County for a new Lodge was presented by the D. G. M., and left for the consideration of the next Grand Lodge. Bro. Charles Gardiner was proposed as Master, Richard Skinner, S. W., and John Stephens, J. W.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Philadelphia, July 27th, 1780.

The R. W. Wm. Ball, Esq., G. M.

5 Lodges represented.

A petition signed by Bros. D. Copeland, Joseph Page, Ambrose Croker, Jacob Diegel, James Thompson, Jacob Frank, John Service, and Matthew Whitehead, of No. 4, with an affectionate and honorable recommendation from the Master and Wardens of that Lodge, praying to be constituted into a new Lodge, was read; and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted that a warrant be granted agreeable to the prayer of the said petition, which warrant is to be numbered 9; the warrant of that number formerly granted for the borough of Lancaster having been called in and surrendered to this Lodge about — ago, and no application made for renewal of same.

A petition from Bro. William Gray and forty-seven brethren of the Pennsylvania Line, countersigned and recommended by Bro. Colonel Proctor, Master of No. 19, praying for a warrant to hold a new travelling Military Lodge, to be attached to the brethren of the said Line, was read; and the ballot being put, it was unanimously voted to grant them a warrant for a new Lodge to be numbered 29.

A letter from No. 16, in Baltimore, with a list of their members and one thousand dollars were received from Bro. Bernard, in lieu of all arrears.

A note was received from Bro. Hand, lately returned from Virginia, who informs that there is a Grand Lodge in Virginia, held at Williamsburg, the Grand Master of which is Councillor Blair, and his Deputy, Dr. Galb.

The Grand Secretary is desired to write to Mr. Blair and inclose him one of the circular letters; and if Ancient Masons, to request their concurrence in the appointment of General Washington as Grand Master General of Masons in America.

A similar letter to be wrote to Col. W. Malcolm, at Fishkiln.

It is reported that there is a Grand Lodge in Boston, and that Colonel Palfrey is a member of it. Inquiry to be made of Colonel Palfrey by Colonel Proctor.

Quarterly Communication.

SEPTEMBER 25th, 1780.

R. W. Bro. ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD, G. Master, *pro tempore.*

5 Lodges represented.

The Lodge opened in due form at 10 o'clock, and some doubt being made whether Bro. Noarth as Master-elect of No. 26, never yet having attended at Carlisle to open his new Lodge or instal any of the officers, was entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge, it was

Ordered, As six months have not yet expired since the date of his warrant, that he write to his Wardens at Carlisle to attend the Grand Lodge in due time, in order to be installed, that the Lodge may be opened in due form without loss of time.

It is ordered that the different private Lodges report to next Grand Lodge the number of new Constitution Books they will take, that some judgment may be formed of the number to be printed.

Bro. Rutherford reported that by an authority under the hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master he had duly installed the officers of the new Lodge, No. 9, in their Lodge, at the house of Bro. D. Copeland, on the 3d day of August.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16th, 1780.

R. W. Bro. ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD, Sr. G. W., in the chair.

5 Lodges represented.

The Grand Secretary communicated copy of a letter written by him to the Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., Grand Master of Masons in the Massachusetts State, together with Bro. Webb's answer, both of which are as follows:

SIR: PHILADELPHIA, August 19th, 1780.

I do myself the honor to address you, by order of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, regularly constituted in the City of Philadelphia. This Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction in Pennsylvania and the States adjacent, thirty-one different regular Lodges, containing in the whole more than one thousand brethren. Enclosed you have a printed abstract of some of our late proceedings, and by that of January 13th last, you will observe that we have, so far as depends on us, done that honor which we think due to our illustrious Brother, General Washington, viz., electing him Grand Master over all the Grand Lodges formed or to be formed in these United States, not doubting of the concurrence of all the Grand Lodges in America to make this election effectual.

We have been informed by Col. Palfrey that there is a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons in the State of Massachusetts, and that you are Grand Master thereof; as such, I am, therefore, to request that you will lay our proceedings before your Grand Lodge, and request their concurrent Voice in the appointment of General Washington, as set forth in the said Minute of January the 13th, which, as far as we have been able to learn, is a Measure highly approved by all the brethren, and that will do honor to the Craft.

SIR: BOSTON, September 4th, 1780.

Your agreeable favor of the 19th ult., I duly received the 31st, covering a printed abstract of the proceedings of your Grand Lodge. I had received one before, near three months, from the Master of a travelling Lodge of the Connecticut line, but it not coming officially, did not lay it before the Grand Lodge, but the evening after I received yours, it being Grand Lodge; I laid it before them and had some debate on it, whereupon it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge

for three weeks, to the 22d instant, likewise to write to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction to attend themselves if convenient by their Master and Wardens, and if not, to give instructions to their proxies here concerning their acquiescence in the proposal.

I am well assured that no one can have any objections to so illustrious a person as General Washington to preside as Grand Master of the United States, but at the same time it will be necessary to know from you his prerogative as such; whether he is to appoint sub-grand or Provincial Grand Masters of each State: if so, I am confident that the Grand Lodge of this State will never give up their right of electing their own Grand Masters and other officers annually. This induces me to write to you now, before the result of the Grand Lodge takes place, and must beg an answer by the first opportunity, that I may be enabled to lay the same before them. I have not heard of any State except yours and this that have proceeded as yet since the Independence to elect their officers, but have been hoping that they would.

I do not remember of more Grand Masters being appointed when we were under the British Government than South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts, but now it may be necessary.

I have granted a Charter of Dispensation to New Hampshire till they shall appoint a Grand Master of their own, which suppose will not be very soon as there is but one Lodge in their State. Inclosed I send you a list of the officers of our Grand Lodge, and have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem,

Your affectionate Brother and humble servant,

JOSEPH WEBB,
Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary acquainted the Lodge that finding some assistance necessary in the business of his office; he had, according to the right vested in him, appointed Bro. William Moore Smith Deputy Grand Secretary, with which appointment the Lodge expressed themselves greatly satisfied.

The Grand Secretary and Bro. Palfrey are appointed a committee to prepare an answer to the above letter from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and lay the same before this Lodge to-morrow evening, to which time this Lodge is adjourned.

Adjourned Grand Communication.

OCTOBER 17th, 1780.

Bro. SHUTE, Grand Master, *pro tem.*

The Committee appointed to bring in an answer to the letter from the R. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts State, delivered a copy, which was read and unanimously approved of, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, October 17th, 1780.

RESPECTED SIR AND R. W. BRO.:

Your kind and interesting letters of the 14th and 19th, by some delay in the Post-office, came both to my hands together, and that not before the 10th inst. They were both read and maturely considered at a very full Grand Lodge last evening, and I have it in charge to thank you and all the worthy members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the brotherly notice they were pleased take of the proposition communicated to you from the Grand Lodge of this State.

We are happy to find that you agree with us in the necessity of having one complete Masonic jurisdiction under some one Grand Head throughout the United States. It has been a measure long wished for among the brethren, especially in the army, and from them the request came originally to us, that we might improve the opportunity which our central situation gave us of setting this measure on foot. From these considerations, joined to an earnest desire of advancing and doing honor to Masonry, and not from any affectation of superiority or of dictating to any of our brethren, we put in nomination for Grand Master over all these States (and elected, so far as depended upon us) one of the most illustrious of our brethren, whose character does honor to the whole Fraternity, and who, we are therefore persuaded, would be wholly unexceptionable. When our proposition and nomination should be communicated to other Grand Lodges and ratified by their concurrence, then, and not before, it was proposed to define the powers of such a Grand Master General, and to fix articles of Masonic union among all the Grand Lodges by means of a convention of committees from the different Grand Lodges, to be held at such time and place as might be agreed upon. Such convention may also have power to notify the Grand Master General of his election, present him his diploma, badges of office, and instal with due form and solemnity.

To you who are so well learned in the Masonic Art, and acquainted with its history, it need not be observed that one Grand Master General over many Grand Lodges, having each their own Grand Masters, is no novel institution, even if the peculiar circumstances of the Grand Lodges in America, now separated from the jurisdiction from whence they first originated, did not render it necessary. We have also a very recent magnificent example of the same thing in Europe which may serve, in respect to the ceremonies of installation, as a model for us. I will copy the paragraph as dated at Stockholm, in Sweden, the 21st of March last, as you may not perhaps have seen it.

"The 19th of this month (March, 1780) will always be a memorable day to the Freemasons established in this kingdom, for on that day the Duke of Sundermania was installed Grand Master of all the Lodges throughout this kingdom as well as those of St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Brunswick, Hamburg, etc. The Lodge at St. Petersburg had sent a Deputy for this purpose, and others had intrusted the diploma of the instalment to Baron Leyonhrefrud, who had been last year to Copenhagen and in Germany on this negotiation. This instalment was attended with great pomp. The assembly was composed of more than four hundred members, and was honored with the presence of the king, who was pleased to grant a charter to the Lodge taking it under his royal protection, at the same time investing the new Grand Master with an ermined cloak; after which he was placed upon a throne, clothed with the marks of his new dignity, and there received the compliments of all the members, who according to their rank were admitted to kiss the hand, sceptre, or cloak of the new Grand Master, and had delivered to them a silver medal, struck to perpetuate the memory of this solemnity, which passed in Exchange Hall. It is said the king will grant revenues for the Commanderies, and that this Royal Lodge will receive of each an annual tribute. This solemnity hath raised the Order of Freemasons from a kind of oblivion into which they were sunk."

What the particular authorities of the Grand Master of these United States were to be, we had not taken upon us to describe, but (as before hinted) had left them to be settled by a convention of Grand Lodges or their deputies. But this is certain, that we never intended the different Provincial or State Grand Masters should be deprived of the election of their own Grand Officers, or of any of their just

Masonic rights and authorities over the different Lodges within the bounds of their jurisdiction.

But where new Lodges are to be erected beyond the bounds of any legal Grand Lodges now existing, such Lodges are to have their warrants from the Grand Master General, and when such Lodges become a number sufficient to be formed into one Grand Lodge the bounds of such Grand Lodge are to be described, and the warrant to be granted by the Grand Master aforesaid, who may also call and preside in a convention of Grand Lodges when any matter of great and general importance to the whole United Fraternity of these States may require it. What other powers may be given to the Grand Master General, and how such powers are to be drawn up and expressed, will be the business of the convention proposed.

For want of some general Masonic authority over all these States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania *ex-necessitate*, have granted warrants beyond its bounds to the Delaware and Maryland States, and you have found it expedient to do the same in New Hampshire, but we know that necessity alone can be a plea for this.

By what has been said above, you will see that our idea is to have a Grand Master General over all the United States, and each Lodge under him to preserve its own rights, jurisdiction, etc., under him as formerly under the Grand Lodge of Great Britain, from whence the Grand Lodges in America had their warrants, and to have this new Masonic constitution and the powers of the Grand Master General fixed by a convention of committees aforesaid.

Others we are told have proposed that there be one Grand Master over all these States, and that the other Masters of Grand Lodges, whether nominated by him or chosen by their own Grand Lodges, should be considered as his deputies. But we have the same objections to this that you have, and never had any idea of establishing such a plan as hath been suggested before.

This letter is now swelled to a great length. We have therefore only to submit two things to your deliberation:

First. Either whether it be best to make your election of a Grand Master General immediately, and then propose to us a time and place where a committee from your body could meet a committee from ours to fix his powers and proceed to instalment; or

Second. Whether you will first appoint such a place of meeting and the powers of the proposed Grand Master, and then return home

and proceed to the election, and afterwards meet anew for instalment. This last mode would seem to require too much time, and would not be so agreeable to our worthy brethren of the army, who are anxious to have this matter completed.

As you will probably choose the first mode, could not the place of our meeting be at or near the headquarters of the army, at or soon after St. John's day next? At any rate, you will not fix a place far northward on account of some brethren from Virginia who will attend, for we propose to advertise the business and the time and place of meeting in the public papers, that any regular Grand Lodges which we may not have heard of may have an opportunity of sending representatives.

Your answer as soon as possible is requested under cover to Peter Baynton, Esq., Postmaster in Philadelphia.

I am, etc., by order,

WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary.

To JOSEPH WEBB, ESQ., Grand Master of Massachusetts.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 5780.

The Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master.

13 Lodges represented.

On petition the warrant of Lodge No. 11, issued to Newtown, Bucks County, was renewed on payment of arrears.

The Right Worshipful William Ball, Esq., was requested to continue Grand Master for twelve months longer, which his worship was pleased to consent to.

R. W. Alexander Rutherford was appointed Deputy Grand Master.
" Jacob Bankson was elected Senior Grand Warden.
" Matthew Whitehead was elected Junior Grand Warden.
" Wood was elected Grand Treasurer.
" Smith was elected Grand Secretary.

A petition from some brethren in New Castle belonging to No. 5 was read, praying for a warrant to hold a new Lodge alternately at New Castle and Christiana Bridge. The petition was accompanied

with a very warm recommendation in their favor from the Master of No. 5, whereupon the petition was unanimously granted No. 33. Joseph Israel was appointed Master; Joseph Kilkead, Senior Warden; John Clark, Junior Warden.

Quarterly Communication.

MARCH 26th, 1781.

Right Worshipful WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., G. Master.

10 Lodges represented.

The brethren appointed to enquire into the petition of some members of No. 4, report as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, January 10th, 1781.

In conformity with a delegation to us made by the R. W. Grand Lodge at the last quarterly communication, to enquire into the necessity and propriety of granting a new warrant in this county in the vicinity of No. 8, after having made the strictest enquiry in the presence as well of the applicants as of the Master of No. 8, and being informed on the one hand that the institution of a new Lodge would be extremely beneficial to Masonry, and, on the other hand, that it would by no means be detrimental to Lodge No. 8, or interfere with the duties and business thereof, are clearly of opinion a new warrant ought to be granted to the applicants, and we beg leave to make our report accordingly, under the consideration and direction of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Given under our hands the day and year above written.

ALEXANDER RUTHERFORD, D. G. M.,
JACOB BANKSON, S. G. W.,
MATTHEW WHITEHEAD, J. G. M.,
ALEXANDER BOYLE,
ISAAC HUGHES.

The Grand Lodge, taking the above report into consideration, ordered a warrant, to be numbered 31, to be made out, which was done accordingly, when John Church was installed Master; Ja. Aud and John Wentz, Wardens of the said Lodge.

The sum of 9 pounds 10 shillings State money was paid as the fees on said warrant.

A petition was read from a number of brethren in Burlington, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge there. The petition was accompanied with a very warm recommendation from Bro. Blathwaite Jones. The Grand Lodge taking the same into consideration it was unanimously granted. Joseph Ellis was appointed Master, Samuel Bull as Senior Warden, and Bethanath Hodgkinson Junior Warden. The Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden are requested to go to Burlington and install the officers of the said new Lodge No. 32.

Ordered that 20 pounds specie or the exchange be advanced to Brother Sellers to procure paper for printing the constitution books.

A letter was read from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, enclosing the following resolve of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

"As this Grand Lodge has not been acquainted with the opinions of the various Grand Lodges in the United States respecting the choice of a Grand Master General, and the circumstances of our public affairs making it impossible we should at present obtain their sentiments upon it; Therefore: Voted, That any determination upon the subject cannot with the propriety and justice due to the craft at large, be made by this Grand Lodge until a general peace shall happily take place through the Continent."

From the Grand Lodge records,

WILLIAM HOSKING,

BOSTON, January 12th, 5781. Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication.

MONDAY, June 18th, 1781.

Present: Brothers Rutherford, Farmer, Adcock, Bernard, J. S. Howell, Howard, and Boyle.

There not being a sufficient number of brethren present to constitute a Lodge and proceed to business, it was therefore agreed that public notice should be given to the officers of the different Lodges established under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to assemble on Monday, the 2d day of July next.

Grand Lodge.

MONDAY, July 2d, 1781.

Bro. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, D. G. M.

Lodges No. 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 16, 22, 25, 29 represented.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of a petition from Talbot County, Maryland, which was unanimously granted, and a warrant to be numbered 34 was accordingly ordered. Bros. Coats and Smith appointed to install the officers, to wit, Charles Gardner, Master; ——, Senior Warden; ——, Junior Warden.

It was ordered by the Lodge that a closet be fixed in the room for the convenience of the Grand Lodge, and Brother Howard was desired to see it done.

The Lodge received a very polite note from the Rev. Mr. Magaw, with several copies of a sermon delivered by him before the brethren in Dover, in the Delaware State, whereupon the Grand Secretary was ordered to send the thanks of the Grand Lodge to Mr. Magaw.

September Communication.

The situation of public affairs, and the call upon the militia to take the field, prevented a sufficient number of brethren from attending.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

OCTOBER 18TH, 1781.

Bro. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, D. G. Master.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Allender to the Grand Master, enclosing a warrant from Lord Blaney to hold a Lodge at Joppa, praying advice and directions from this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, *Resolved,* That it appears to this Grand Lodge that the warrant is a modern one; but that if on proper application some of the members of the Modern Lodge so held at Joppa are found

worthy, and entered, passed, and raised in one of the ancient Lodges at Baltimore, that then, on the recommendation of that ancient Lodge to this Grand Lodge, we shall think it conducive to the benefit of the craft to grant them a new warrant if they surrendered their modern one, and in the mean time we recommend it to the Lodges to be cautious in not admitting them to sit with them while remaining moderns.

The Grand Lodge was informed by Brother Henderson that during his voyage a number of papers were taken in a prize by the vessel in which he sailed, which he saw were directed to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 169 at New York, and therefore secured them, sealed up as when taken, and has brought them to lay before this Lodge. The papers were opened and found to contain a warrant to hold a new Lodge, No. 212, in the City of New York, a book of Constitution and By-Laws and a number of letters of instructions respecting the installation of the new officers and other Masonic business, whereupon unanimously

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge take the safest and speediest methods to have the different articles forwarded with a proper letter to the Master of No. 169.

That the G. M., D. G. M., and S. G. W. be requested to attend on Council* and obtain permission to send the above articles to New York.

That the G. L. are highly pleased with Bro. Henderson's attention, and request him to accept their thanks for his brotherly behaviour.

Tyler and Candles 10*s*.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

NOVEMBER 22D, 1781.

The R. W. WM. BALL, ESQ., G. M.

The Grand Sec'y opened the business of the evening by informing that the Lodge was called together in order to give their sanction to the new Book of Constitutions, as ordered to be revised and published for the benefit of the brethren in America.

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* Council of Safety.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Whereupon the manuscript was ordered to be read. The Book of Constitutions being read, the same was unanimously approved of and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That the Mason's Arms be engraved as a frontispiece for the book, and in case our beloved and illustrious brother Gen[l] Washington permit it to be dedicated to him, that his Excellency's arms be engraved and prefixed to the dedication.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously ordered to be given to the Grand Secretary, for the care and attention with which he has revised and abridged the constitution book.

The Grand Secretary then reported that he had called the members of No. 6 together, in hopes to reconcile some differences respecting the expelled members, but found it impossible. He reported, too, that the brethren who had been expelled were amongst the most respectable members of the Lodge, and will petition for a new warrant.

Bro. Nagle, S. W. of Lodge No. 24, at Reading, informed the Lodge of the death of the Master of No. 24, and that his executors were in possession of the warrant.

Resolved, That Bro. Nagle procure the warrant, and after calling the members together, that they elect officers for the ensuing year and attend the next Communication to be installed.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER 17TH, 1781.

R. W. G. M. WM. BALL, ESQ.

Lodges No 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 16, 19, 25, 32, 33 represented.

The Rt. Wpful Wm. Ball, Grand Master, was requested to continue his services another year, to which his worship was pleased to consent. Bro. Rutherford was reappointed Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Wm. Adcock was chosen S[r] G[d] Warden.
Dr. W. McIlvain " J[r] G[d] "
Bro. Chas. Young " G[d] Treas.
Bro. Wm. Smith, reappointed G[d] Sec'y.
and Bros. Bernard and Henderson G[d] Deacons.

Bro. Bankson surrendered the warrant of Lodge No. 11, formerly held at Newtown, Bucks Co., to this Grand Lodge to be cancelled.

A letter was received from Lodge No. 18, sent by the hands of Bro. Chas. Nixon, last Past Master of that Lodge, informing that the stoppage of the river trade by cruizers had put it out of their power to send up their dues to this Communication.

Bro. Rutherford informed the G. L. that in consequence of some circumstances which had come to his knowledge, respecting the treatment of some brethren who had been prisoners in New York, he had, with the approbation of the Grand Master, delayed sending the Warrant, Constitution Book, etc., agreeably to the resolve of the Lodge of Emergency, called the 18th of Oct. last, until he should receive an answer to a letter he had wrote to New York on the subject of their treatment of brethren who are prisoners, and that he had now received an answer, which, with a copy of the letter he had wrote, he now laid before the Gr. Lodge.

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the G. Sec'y be desired to write to New York in answer to the said letter to Bro. Rutherford, and inclose the minute of the 18th of Oct. last, which, together with the New York Warrant Book and all the papers that were taken at sea, directed to the said Lodge, be immediately sent to New York under the care of Bro. Skinner, Commissary-General.

St. John's Day, Dec., 1781.

Bro. Rutherford, Grd. Master, *pro tem.*

Bro. Adcock was installed Senior Grd. Warden; Bro. McIlvain, Junior Grd. Warden; and Bro. Young, Grd. Treasurer.

Adjourned to spend this festive day in mirth and harmony.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

February 16th, 1782.

Bro. A. Rutherford, Grd. Master, *pro tem.*

A warrant was granted for a Lodge to meet at London Grove,

Chester County, to be No. 11, that number having been surrendered. Also one to meet at Joppa, in Maryland, to be No. 35.

Grand Lodge.

MARCH 26TH, 1782.

Bro. RUTHERFORD, Grand Master, *pro tem.*

Bro. Tinsley was installed Master of the new Lodge, No. 11; Bro. Bowen was installed Senior Warden. Brother Rutherford laid before the Lodge a letter from the Rev. James Wilmer, requesting his influence with the Grand Lodge in obtaining a warrant for a Lodge to be held at ——, in the State of Maryland. Whereupon,

Resolved, That Brother Rutherford answer the said letter in his own name, and not as D. G. M., and inform Bro. Wilmer that these matters properly come before the Grand Lodge by petition signed by a number of brethren in the district, and recommended by the nearest Lodge, if there is any in the vicinity.

Resolved also, That the Grand Secretary write to the Master of No. 6 to know whether Bro. Wilmer, who formerly belonged to his Lodge, left the same in perfect harmony and good fellowship.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, August 6th, 1782.

Bro. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, Grd. Master, D. G. M.

Information was given from the chair respecting an application from Gen[l] Roberdeau for himself and others, claimants of the Lodge House, for rent thereof, and to know the peculiar circumstances, situation, etc., of those who at present occupy the building, when, after considerable debate, it was unanimously agreed that a Committee of five be appointed, any three of whom to act, who shall have full power and clothed with all the authority of this Lodge to investigate and act in every sense, as they view necessary to defeat the designs of Gen[l] Roberdeau in his claims to an interest in this house.

That they be authorized to solicit subscriptions for the laudable purpose of freeing the Society from all obligations whatever to individuals, by a purchase of the Ground Rents, or interest entire, as they think necessary.

That in case an application is made to the Assembly of the State or other authority, by any claimants whatever, they see that one is framed in reply thereto, that no advantages be taken, and in all respects to act and do as they think right to attain such ends.

That in case of the non-attendance or inattention of any of the Committee, any two, if necessary, are further required to ask the aid of other two brethren. The choice of the Committee was then made, when Bros. Adcock, Procter, Ord, Burd, and Young were chosen.

At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, Monday, Sept. 2d, 1782, R. W. Wm Ball, Esq., G. M., a representation from Lodge No. 25 was handed in by their Master to this Grand Lodge, complaining of want of punctuality in the members of the Grand Lodge at their meetings; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge thank the brethren of Lodge No. 25 for their friendly remarks, and expect in future that the business will be carried on with more punctuality.

A petition from a number of brethren in Easton, in the County of Northampton, for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Easton, they being upward of fifty miles from any warrant, was read and unanimously granted, to be numbered No. —. The proposed officers to be named in the warrant were Bro. William Moore Smith, Esq., Master; Bro. Alexander Patterson, Esq., Senior Warden; and Bro. Theophilus Shannon, Junior Warden.

A petition signed by 20 brethren, officers in the Jersey Line, was read, praying for a warrant to hold a travelling Military Warrant, to be attached to the said Line. The same was unanimously granted. The proposed officers were the Reverend Andrew Hunter for Master; Joseph I. Anderson, S. W.; and Captain Aaron Ogden, J. W., to be numbered No. 36.

A petition from some brethren in Princess Ann, Somerset County, Maryland, praying for a warrant was read, and ordered to lie over

until next Communication, and ordered that the G^{d} Sec^{y} inform the petitioners that the Gr^{d} Lodge expect a certificate from the Officers of the Lodge in which they were made, respecting their behaviour and the propriety of granting a warrant to them.

A petition from some brethren in Alexandria for a warrant to hold a Lodge there was read, and ordered to lie over until the next Communication.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the fees to the Grand Lodge for all warrants petitioned for in future, be raised to the sum of 15 pounds specie.

On application from Capt. Isaac Craig, at Fort Pitt, for a dispensation to act there, the said Capt. Craig being legal successor to the Master of No. 19, and in possession of the warrant, but never legally installed, it was ordered and

Resolved, That there is no necessity of a dispensation to Capt. Craig, he being the Master elect and in possession of the warrant of Lodge No. 19, but that a dispensation go to some Past Master to install him.

A letter was received by the R. W. G^{d} Master, and by him communicated to the G. Lodge, from Bros. Bourke and Smith, respecting the particular situation of several very respectable and ancient characters in the part of Maryland in which they live, who being of the modern order wish to go over again in the ancient form, and requesting the indulgence of a dispensation; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Gr^{d} Master grant a dispensation to Bro. John Coats, late D^{y} G. M., and Bro. Smith, present G^{r} Sec'y, or either of them, taking to their assistance such brethren as they may see proper, to enter into the mysteries of Masonry Genl Hooper, and such other respectable and unexceptionable characters as come within the description of the above letter.

The new Seal of Lodge No. 25 being shown to this Grand Lodge, was disapproved of and ordered to be defaced.

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, Nov. 7th, 1782, present, R. W. Wm. Ball, Esq., Grd. Master, Lodges No. 3, 4, 9, 29 represented, Bro. Adcock, one of the Committee ap-

pointed at the last meeting to investigate the claims of this Grand Lodge on a part of the property of this house, delivered to the chair the following report:

That he, with the other members of the Committee, and (by the power invested in them to call on other brethren for advice and assistance) Bros. Jno. Howard and Jacob S. Howell, have properly attended to the business committed to them, have duly investigated the same, and from what have appeared to them are of opinion no right or title to this house is invested in this Grand Lodge, or any part thereof, and after having met the Master and members of the first Lodge of Modern Masons and other subscribers towards the building of this house, having acquainted said Master and members of said Lodge No. 1 therewith, received the answer herewith handed.

Signed, WILLIAM ADCOCK,
JOHN HOWARD,
JACOB S. HOWELL.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 7TH, 1782.

ANSWER.

"At a Lodge held the 30th Oct., 1782, at the Lodge in Lodge Alley.

Present: R. W. EDWARD SHIPPEN, Master,
MATTW. CLARKSON, Sr Warden,
MICH'L HILLEGAS, Jr Warden,
TENCH FRANCIS, Secy,
THOS. BOND, Visiting Brother.

The Trustees of the Lodge and the other members, having taken into consideration the application of the Lodges of Masons who have lately met there, for a temporary use of the upper rooms, have agreed that they may continue to hold their Lodges there at such convenient times as will not interfere with the other purposes of the Trustees in renting and using the house; that is to say, they may meet there every Monday and Friday evenings for the term of one year from this date, the said Lodges paying to the Trustees five shillings as a consideration therefor.

Copied from the Minutes.

Signed, EDWARD SHIPPEN."

Some time being spent in the considering the above, it was unanimously agreed to postpone the same to a future meeting.

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge Nov. 11th, 1782.
Present: R. W. ALEX. RUTHERFORD, D. G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 29 represented.

There not appearing officers sufficient agreeable to the Constitution to form a Grand Lodge, the Secretary is requested to notify the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the different Lodges in this city to meet at this house punctually on the 23d day of December next, at which time this Lodge stands adjourned. The Grand Treasurer and Sec'y were appointed a Committee to wait on and inform the Master of No. 1 of Modern Masons, that for want of a proper number of officers to form a Grand Lodge the business then before them could not be accomplished, or any answer given him respecting his letter of the 30th Oct. last, but that the Lodge expected at their Grand Communication to be able to complete that business.

At an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge, Philad., Dec. 11th, 1782.
Present: R. W. WM. BALL, Grand Master.

The Revd Andrew Hunter was duly recommended in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the chair, for installation as Master of Lodge No. 36, granted to the New Jersey Brigade, 2d September last, and was accordingly installed.

Grand Communication.

PHILADA., Dec. 23D, 1782.

Present: R. W. G. M. WM. BALL.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 31, 32 represented.

On motion by the R. W. Grand Master, it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Committee appointed to investigate the claims of this house be requested to inform the Master of No. 1, Modern

Masons, that this Lodge accepts the offer of this house for one year, agreeable to his letter of the 30th Oct. last? Carried in the affirmative.

A former dispensation granted to Lodge No. 4 was delivered up by Bro. Boyle to the R. W. Grand Master.

A letter was handed from the chair and read, addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, by Bro. Bourke, Master of No. 29, respecting the petition of Bro. Winder and other brethren of Somerset County in the State of Maryland, for a warrant to hold a lodge in Princess Anne in said State, recommending the said brethren for the same. Bro. Smith, Grand Secretary, being present, and giving the said brethren a good character, a ballot was called for and taken, and it being approved of, ordered that the Secretary make out a warrant agreeable to their petition, the officers to be: Levin Winder, Master; John Waters, Jr., S. W.; and Francis J. Henry, J. W.; the warrant No. 37.

A dispensation for six months was given our worthy Brethren Wm. Smith, Grand Secretary, and John Coats, to initiate into the mysteries of Ancient Masonry Gen'l Hooper and others, Modern Masons, agreeable to a letter from Bro. Bourke, Master of No. 29.

A petition from Bro. Edward Weyman and other brethren was read, praying for a warrant to be granted them to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Charles Town, South Carolina, or thereabouts, the officers to be: Bro. Edward Weyman, Master; Meyer Moses, S. W.; and David Hamilton, J. W.

Ordered that the prayer of their petition be granted and the warrant to be No. 38.

On motion, ordered, that a book be provided by Bro. Joseph Howell, D. G. Secretary, for the purpose of recording all warrants granted by this Grand Lodge, or to be granted, as well as other matters and things that may be necessary, the Grand Treasurer to pay for the same on the order of Bro. Joseph Howell.

Ordered that the Sermon and Prayer, as delivered by Bro. Smith, G. Secretary, some time since, be printed in the Book of Constitutions, and that the D. G. Sec. be ordered to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge to Bro. Smith for his care, attention, &c., in forming the same, which thanks are to be inserted in the said Book of Constitutions.

The R. W. G^d Master having requested to resign the chair, and agreeable to the Constitution nominated our worthy brother, Wil-

liam Adcock for the same, he was accordingly unanimously chosen, proclaimed, and installed as such.

Bro. Alex. Rutherford was appointed by the R. W. Grand Master D. Grand Master; Bro. Thos. Proctor was chosen Senior Grand Warden; and Bro. Geo. Ord, Junior Grand Warden, and installed accordingly.

The R. W. G. Master was pleased to appoint Bro. Wm. Smith Grand Secretary; Bro. Chas. Young, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Hand, Sen. Deacon; Bro. Service, Jun. Deacon; and Bro. Joseph Howell, Jr., D. Grand Secretary.

On motion, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the late R. W. Grand Master, for his care and great attention paid to this Lodge during his long continuance in the chair, which, being unanimously agreed to, the same was given him by the R. W. Grand Master at the request of the Lodge.

Bros. Procter, Ord, and Young were appointed a Committee to procure a seal somewhat larger than the one now used, with the same device, and also, with the Secretary, to revise the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in order that circular letters may be formed for the use and benefit of the brethren under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Agreeable to the order of the Grand Lodge this day, I presented the following to Bro. Sellers to be printed in the Book of Constitutions:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, November 22d, 1781.

The abridgement of the Book of Constitutions being read, the same was unanimously approved of, and ordered to be printed; and also that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our beloved brother, the Rev^d Wm. Smith, D.D., Grand Secretary, for the great care and attention he has bestowed in revising and abridging the said Book of Constitutions.

Extract from the Minutes.

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR.,
D. Grand Sec'y.

Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1782.

Present: R. W. Grand Master Wm. Adcock.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, and 4 represented.

Bro. Edward Weyman was duly recommended in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the chair, for installation as Master of Lodge No. 38, to be held in Charles Town, South Carolina, and was accordingly installed.

At an Extra Grand Lodge.

February 3d, 1783.

Present: R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, and 38 represented.

A petition being preferred to this Grand Lodge on the 2d Sept. last, from several brethren of Alexandria, in Virginia, for a warrant to hold a Lodge there, which was ordered to lie over to the next Communication, in consequence of Bro. Adam, the proposed Master thereof, being found to possess his knowledge of Masonry in a clandestine manner, since which the said Bro. Adam, having gone through the several steps of Ancient Masonry in Lodge No. 2, under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, further prays that a warrant may now be granted for the purposes mentioned in said petition.

Ordered, That the prayer of said petition be complied with, and that the Secretary present Brother Adam with a warrant to hold a Lodge of Ancient Masons in Alexandria, in Virginia, to be numbered 39.

Bro. Robert Adam was then duly recommended, and presented in form to the R. W. Grand Master in the chair, for installation as Master of Lodge No. 39, to be held in the borough of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and was accordingly installed as such.

At the particular request of the attending members, the R. W. Grand Master, who possessed the right, dispensed with the forms and called Bro. Joseph Howell, Jr., to the chair, who, after receiv-

ing the obligation, &c., of the chair as Master of a Lodge, was saluted by the brethren accordingly.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge.

March 31st, 1783.

Present: R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 15, 19, 31, and 33 represented.

Bro. Proctor, on behalf of Bro. Danl. Oldenbruch, of late Lodge No. 13 of Ancient Masons, requested this Grand Lodge would order a Grand Certificate to be given to said brother, he having lost the one formerly presented him, with his baggage, at one of the actions to the southward, and that the said brother lives 20 or 30 miles distant from any Lodge of Ancient Masons.

A ballot being taken, it was agreed that the request be complied with, and that Bro. Proctor inform the said brother that it is the wish of this Grand Lodge that he would, as soon as convenient, partake of the benefits of some Lodge of Ancient Masons by becoming a member thereof.

On motion, agreed, the seal heretofore used by this Grand Lodge be continued.

The D. Grand Secretary informed this Lodge that the sum of £1 6*s.* 8*d.* was due to Bro. Jno. Connar, for refreshment supplied this G. L. in Feb. last.

Ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay the same.

The late R. W. G. Master presented the Grand Warrant to the R. W. G. Master in the chair.

Quarterly Communication.

St. John's Day, 24th June, 1783.

R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 13, and 19 represented.

A letter addressed to the R. W. G. Master, from Bro. Weyman,

Master of Lodge No. 38, held at Charles Town, South Carolina, was read, informing of the undue influence of certain persons who make profession of Masonry there, and requesting advice in the same, when Bros. Rutherford, Proctor, and Jennings were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, agreed that a circular letter be formed and sent to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, informing them of the Book of Constitutions being ready for delivery, requesting to know what number each Lodge will take. The above-named Committee, appointed to form and send the same.

On motion agreed that Bros. Sellers and Woodhouse shall have the privilege of disposing of the Books of Constitutions to those brethren who may want the same, at the rate of 5 shillings each book per dozen, and 7*s.* 6*d.* for each single one until next St. John's Day, when this Grand Lodge agrees to receive and pay for those which may be left on hand. Brother Sellers informed that 2000 books were printed, 1000 of which were ordered to be bound neatly.

On motion, agreed that 2 dozen of the Books of Constitutions be sent to Bro. Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, held in Charles Town, South Carolina, and for which this Grand Lodge will advance the money. Bro. Whitehead is requested to take charge of and forward the same.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the sum of Three Dollars be paid for any dispensation granted by this Grand Lodge, for the initiation of those persons who may become Masons, two dollars of which to be applied to the funds of the Grand Lodge and one dollar to the Secretary for his trouble in drawing and recording the same, the money to be paid to the Secretary before the dispensation be given.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

JULY 8TH, 1783.

Present: R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, and 19 represented.

A memorial from the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, late of West Florida and now of Charles Town, South Carolina, with

sundry papers relative thereto, addressed to the R. W. Grd. Master, were laid before this Lodge and received a full reading.

Agreed, that a letter be written to the Master and brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, referring and recommending them to our worthy brother, Edward Weyman, of Lodge No. 38, to whom a letter is also requested to be written, granting full power and authority to act, agreeably to directions to be given to him by this Grand Lodge. The Committee, together with Bros. Hamilton and Vannost, are appointed to that business, and are desired to lay their proceedings before the Grand Lodge at their next meeting.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, and 39 represented.

JULY 12TH, 1783.

R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

The Committee appointed last meeting having laid before this Grand Lodge their several letters to Bro. Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, and to the Master of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, they were unanimously adopted.

On motion, ordered that the Sec'y prepare and draw a warrant (for the brethren of Saint Andrew's Lodge, No. 1), to be No. 40, which warrant is to be transmitted to Bro. Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, to be by him delivered to the Master and members of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, provided that the Master and members of said Lodge are found to be of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, and accept to be under this jurisdiction.

Ordered that 2 dozen books of the Constitutions be sent to Bro. Weyman, he to be charged with the same.

On motion, ordered that 3 dozen books of the Constitutions be presented to our worthy brother, the Rev^{d} Dr. Smith, for the great care and attention which he has paid in revising the same; as also a letter expressing the thanks of this Grand Lodge to him.

Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge.

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1783.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, ESQ., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 19, 29, and 39 represented.

The following letter from Bro. John Coats, late Deputy G. Master of this Grand Lodge, to the R. W. G. M., was received and read, relative to a proposed Grand Lodge to be established on the Eastern Shore of Maryland:

TALBOT COURT HOUSE, Aug. 18th, 1782.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—It is left me as a duty, to inform you, sir, and through you, the worthy officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Penn., of the proceedings of a Masonic Convention held at this place.

I feel myself strongly attached to my brethren of Penn[a], to the Grand Lodge particularly, where I have spent so many happy hours, and where, as far my abilities would admit, I endeavored to be useful. From particular circumstances, I find it most convenient to reside in this State, and I have long lamented that it deprived me of that social intercourse with you, sir, and others of my brethren who were laboring in the wide-extended field of our Order; but I was ever convinced that my mite was but small, and that with you and your worthy associates no person under your jurisdiction, though far removed, could possibly think he would ever be neglected, but that according to his work so should be his reward.

As to the late Conventions that have been held here, I was not the proposer: a necessity for it was impressed upon the mind of every member of the different Lodges; and upon my being consulted by our reverend brother, Doctor Smith, I confess I could not avoid concurring with them, and among a variety of reasons I wish to enumerate two or three:

First, and which in my opinion is a material one, the warrant under which you act is expressly for the State of Pennsylvania, and necessity alone obliged the Marylanders to call upon your Grand Body. Will it admit of this query? Are the Lodges in Maryland which hold their warrants under the Grand Warrant of Pennsylvania legally constituted? But to proceed to my second reason.

At the late Convention we were informed that another Grand

Lodge was requisite before we could proceed to the election of a Grand Master for these free United States (which I think we stand much in need of), and that as there were six Lodges regularly constituted by your Lodge upon the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and as it was a matter of doubt whether your warrant, which is for Pennsylvania alone, could give a sanction to their proceedings, it would not be better immediately to form for this State a Grand Lodge, provided they had the concurrence of those from whom they sprung, which, indeed, they have been taught to expect as the wish of Pennsylvania, as well as a matter of right.

Thirdly, the great distance that separates them from you, which renders it absolutely impossible for them to communicate with you; and while they are exerting themselves for your benefit in the general charity, paying arrearages, etc., they are confident they themselves, from local situation, can hardly expect to derive a benefit either from your funds, or indeed the benefit of sitting with you and judging for themselves, as the expense would be far more than they could support. Other reasons could be adduced, but they must be obvious.

They have requested me to assure you they entertain the highest, the best opinion of their brethren of the G. L. of Penna. As brethren from the same source, though at a great distance, they will ever study to keep up the strictest intercourse. Love and harmony they are certain will prevail, and, as they wish to settle every arrearage to the utmost farthing, so do they likewise expect they will be dealt with upon the large square of Masonry, that their brethren will seriously consider their weighty reasons for a separation, and whether, as they are members of the same Grand Lodge, and from the general infancy of the Maryland Lodges, and the late occasion of the times, they have not a right to expect some indulgence, and that their arrears, instead of going to Philadelphia, may not (as the whole is intended for the same great end—charity) be the commencement of their new fund.

Thus have I endeavored to give you an account of our proceedings, and for your further satisfaction I add copies of the Minutes of the different Conventions, and shall wait impatiently for your answer, as I wish as early as I can to forward your determination to the different Lodges. There is a doubt remains with me, which is, whether the Grand Lodge of Penna. can grant a warrant for such

a purpose, more than No. 2 or No. 3 can grant a warrant to a number of their brethren when they are too numerous, or whether it is not necessary there should be a Grand Master for the States, who, with the concurrence of several Grand Lodges, might constitute Grand Lodges where necessary.

I am, etc.,

JOHN COATS.

Brothers Young, Hamilton and Jennings were appointed a Committee to answer the letter of Brother Coats, and report the same at the next Communication.

A letter from Brother George Carter, Master of Lodge No. 40, of Charleston, addressed the R. W. G^d Master, was read, informing that he had received the warrant sent him by this G^d Lodge, by the hands of Brother Weyman, as also one other letter to Brother Joseph Howell, with a power appointing him and Brother Michael Jennings, proxies on behalf of Lodge No. 40, which was admitted.

Extra Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 25th, 1783.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 4, 9, 13, 22, 29, and 40 represented.

The R. W. Gr. Master presented the following copy of a letter which he had caused to be sent to Bro. John Coats:

PHILAD'A., Dec. 5th, 1783.

DEAR BROTHER: Your letter, with the proceedings of the Grand Convention of Masons at Talbot Court House, was laid before the Gr^d Lodge of Penna. at their last Quarterly Communication, and they have hitherto omitted to return you our answer in consequence of a sense of doubt and delicacy they felt respecting their determination. After a serious inspection and perusal of the Masonic Constitutions, we are obliged in a great measure to differ in sentiment from our brethren on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and are fully persuaded that they will in some degree condemn their proceedings on consideration of the following quotations, faithfully ex-

tracted from the late Book of Constitutions, revised and abridged by our worthy brother, Dr. Wm. Smith:

"If the Masters and Wardens of five Warranted Lodges, or more, should meet where no Grand Officer exists or can be present, such Grand Convention will bear the title of a Grand Committee, Convention, or sub-Communication of Masons, and the next Grand Master may confirm their transactions if laudable, or they may, by proper authority, be formed into a new Grand Lodge. All new regulations made, or pretended to be made, out of a Grand Lodge are illegal."

"The members of the Grand Lodge and of all warranted Lodges, so far as they have abilities or numbers, have an undoubted right to exercise all degrees of the Antient Craft, and consequently the Royal Arch, but no Masons of any denomination can hold any Lodge without a Warrant for the place where held."

The foregoing passages are extracts from answers given by Laurence Dermott, Esq., to certain questions proposed to him by a learned Master of a Lodge in Phila., and as they now form a part of the Constitutions we deem them sacred and inviolable, and presume the brethren will cheerfully join with us in opinion.

From what authority you can obtain a warrant, we are yet ignorant; but as soon as we fix our determination on that matter you may depend on our advice and information. As the Convention with you resolved "That the several Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland consider it as matter of right, and that they ought to form a Grand Lodge independent of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia," I think it my duty to inform you that it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the dues of the different Lodges with you should be paid to the time of your formation.

We shall esteem it a particular favor to hear from you as soon as possible, and to be furnished with any further proceedings of the Convention.

I am, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, dear sir,

Your affectionate brother,

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR.,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Lodge opened in form, when the propriety of the brethren of the several Lodges walking in procession on Saturday next, being St. John's Day, to St. Paul's Church to hear divine service, was

taken into consideration, when the same was unanimously agreed to.

Also agreed the R. W. G^d Mas'r., Dy. G. Master, Bros. Proctor, Service, Erdman, Jennings, and Way be a Committee to wait on the Rev. Dr. Magaw, and request him to prepare a Charity Sermon for that day.

On motion, agreed that the aforesaid Committee conduct the procession, and distribute the charity which may be collected, viz., one-third to the poor of the Craft, one-third to the poor of the city, and one-third to the poor confined debtors in gaol.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1783, A.M.

Agreeably to appointment, the several Lodges, being properly assembled, walked in Masonic procession from the Lodge in Lodge Alley to St. Paul's Church, where a sermon suited to the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Magaw, after which was collected for the relief of the poor. The brethren then returned in the above form. The whole was conducted in the greatest order, decorum, and decency, and the remainder of the day spent in good harmony.

Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1783, P.M.

Present: R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 22, 29, 38, and 40 represented.

This being Saint John the Evangelist's Day, agreeably to ancient custom the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the R. W. G. Master, Wm. Adcock, was nominated, reappointed, and by the Grand Sec'y thrice proclaimed aloud Grand Master of Masons, and he was pleased to appoint the R. W. Alex. Rutherford, Dy. Gd. Master.

Bro. Proctor was unanimously chosen Sr G^d Warden,
" Ord " " " J^r G^d Warden,
" Howell " " " Gr^d Sec'y,
" Jennings " " " D. G. Sec'y,
" Hamilton " " Treas.

Bros. Hand and Service were continued as Deacons.

A petition signed by several brethren, a committee of Lodge No. 29, requesting that the warrant should be called in or that certificates may be given to the petitioners, as they cannot receive any benefit from said warrant, as the Master of that Lodge is now a great distance from this place, was presented and read.

On motion, unanimously agreed, That *all* travelling warrants heretofore granted by this Grand Lodge, be called in by the Grand Sec'y.

On motion, unanimously agreed that the sincere thanks of the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Officers of the Ancient and honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Pennsylvania, with the officers of the different Lodges, be given to the Reverend Dr. Magaw, for his great politeness in attending the grand Masonic procession this day and delivering a Charity Sermon at their request in St. Paul's Church.

March 29th, 1784, A.M.

R. W. Alex. Rutherford, Dep^y G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 15, 29, and 40 represented.

The Committee appointed Sept. 29th, produced a copy of a letter wrote to Bro. John Coats at Talbot Court House, which was approved of. In consequence of no reply being received from the Convention at Talbot Court House, Bros. Fox and Smith are appointed a Committee to write to the different Lodges under said Convention, and request a further account of their proceedings and determination.

On motion, agreed, That the propriety of raising a contribution for the purpose of building a Lodge, be recommended to the Lodges in the city, the officers of which are requested to report the sense of the different bodies at our next Quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

April 16th, 1784.

R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, and 40 represented.

Bro. Coats produced a copy of minutes of the Grand Convention held at Maryland, wherein they

Resolved unanimously, That application be made to the Grand Lodge of Penna. for a warrant to constitute themselves into a Grand Lodge. Bro. Coats also informed this Lodge that he was appointed, together with three other brethren, to negotiate the business respecting the warrant and payment of the arrears due from the different bodies forming the Convention, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That Bros. Fox, Smith, and Hamilton be appointed a Committee to enquire whether this Lodge has power and authority to grant a warrant to form another Grand Lodge, and make report thereof at next Quarterly Communication; for which purpose they are to be furnished with all necessary books and papers.

[The correspondence between this Committee and the Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland appeared to be convincing, for though a summons was sent to each of the Lodges to attend a meeting at Cambridge on the 17th of June, 1784, yet there was no attendance, and the whole matter fell through at that time, and until the 17th of April, 1787, when "a convention of deputies from several Lodges on the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Nos. 6, 7, 34, 29, and 37, all hailing under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Penna.)," met at Talbot Court House, and did then and there agree to establish a Gr^d Lodge, and accordingly elected Bro. John Coats Grand Master, and other Grand Officers.

At a Communication held Sept. 19th, 1787, the following was adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Penna., which have heretofore held their Grand Warrant or Charter under the authority of, and dependent upon, the Gr^d Lodge of the kingdom of Great Britain, and have declared and properly constituted themselves independent of the said Gr^d Lodge and of all foreign authority whatsoever, and having established a Gr^d Lodge in and for the State of Penna., upon such principles as authorize every Society to promote and regulate their own happiness;

And Whereas, The several Lodges upon the Eastern Shore of Maryland, at a Grand Convention held on the 17th day of April last, at Talbot Town in Talbot County, by certain deputies duly empowered by the said Lodges to hold the same, have thought proper and determined to establish and organize a Gr^d^ Lodge in and for the State of Maryland, and from local circumstances and other good reasons moving the said deputies to this measure, to declare and constitute their said Gr^d^ Lodge independent of the Gr^d^ Lodge of Penna., under whom they have formerly held and exercised their warrants and independent of all other authority. We, therefore, the members of the said Gr^d^ Lodge, desirous to promote as far as possible the cause of Masonry, and to establish the harmony and happiness, as well of the said Gr^d^ Lodge hereby constituted as of the several Lodges under our care and jurisdiction;

Resolved, That new warrants as of this date be immediately granted to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Gr^d^ Lodge, etc., etc.

From this time the Gr^d^ Lodge of Maryland has been exceedingly prosperous.—*Library Committee.*]

Grand Lodge.

JUNE 17TH, 1784.

Present: R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 19, 25, and 40 represented.

The present and the late G^d^ Master, the Deputy G^d^ Master, Bros. Fox and Smith are appointed a committee to devise the best ways and means for accommodating the Lodges in this city with a house, and report the same next Quarterly Communication; they are fully empowered to call to their assistance such members of the different Lodges in this city as they may think proper. The said committee are requested to form a circular letter to be sent to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, including such remarks and observations as may appear to them most beneficial to the Craft, and present the same on next St. John's Day.

A letter directed to the R. W. D. G. M., enclosing a petition signed by Bro. Crafts and other members, requesting a warrant for a Lodge to be held at Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, was

laid before this Lodge. Unanimously agreed that a warrant be granted, and that the Grd. Sec'y prepare the same, with the names of Thomas Crafts as Master, Willis Wilson as S. W., and Obadiah Bosworth as Junior Warden.

In consequence of a letter received from Alexander Petrie, late of Lodge No. 40, and a representation of the irregularities of Lodges No. 38 and No. 40 (communicated by Bro. Young), Bros. Proctor, Young, Howell, and Jennings, proxies to said Lodges, are directed to write to and give them such brotherly admonition as may appear necessary.

The late Grand Master is requested to produce the By-Laws of this Gr^d Lodge on next St. John's Day, at which time they are to be read.

Unanimously agreed, that the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden wait upon his Excellency, the Chevalier De Luzerne, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Court of France to the United States of America, and pray him in the name of this Grand Lodge to accept of the sermon preached on the 27th of December last by the Rev^d Dr. Magaw, and dedicated to him by their order.

Grand Lodge of Emergency.

JUNE 26TH, 1784.

Present: R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

Agreeably to order the Grand Secretary presented a warrant constituting and appointing Bro. Thomas Crafts as Master, Bro. Willis Wilson as S. W., and Bro. Obadiah Bosworth as J. W. of Lodge No. 41, to be held at the town of Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia, which being signed by the officers of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Crafts, agreeably to ancient usage, was in due form installed as Master of said Lodge No. 41, and returned thanks on the part of the petitioning brethren for the honor conferred on them.

Extra Grand Lodge.

AUGUST 4TH, 1784.

Present: R. W. WM. ADCOCK, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 13, 19, and 40 represented.

Brother Fox, on behalf of the Committee appointed last Saint John's Day to form a circular letter to the several Grand Lodges in the United States, presented one, which being read was unanimously approved of.

Ordered that the Secretary transcribe fair copies of the same, and send them to the several Grand Masters in the United States as soon as possible.

Extra Grand Lodge.

OCT. 29TH, 1784.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, and 40 represented.

The petition of a number of brethren from the State of Georgia for a warrant to establish a Lodge in Savannah, was read. Also a letter directed to the Grand Secretary from Bro. Justus Hartmann Scheuber, acting Secretary to the brethren named in the abovementioned petition, who have formed themselves into a Society of brethren with the concurrence of the Lodges in South Carolina. This Grand Lodge cannot consider them as regularly constituted, but as brethren highly respect them, Bros. Farrel, Farmer, and Howell are appointed a committee to answer their letter.

Quarterly Communication.

DEC. 20TH, 1784.

R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 40 represented.

A letter from Justus H. Scheuber, with a duplicate of a petition from sundry brethren of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, were laid before this Lodge and read.

Ordered that the G^d Sec'y prepare a warrant, with the name of Thomas Else as Master, Oliver Lewis as S. W., and Balthaser Schaffer as J. W. of No. 42, to be held at Savannah, in the State of Georgia, and to be dated Oct. 29th, 1784.

The Grand Sec'y reported that he has received Travelling Warrant No. 29 of the Pennsylvania Line, and No. 36 of the Jersey Line.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Bros. Fox, Smith, and Vannost, be appointed to form By-Laws and Regulations for this G. L., and present the same at next Quarterly Communication.

This being the Annual Communication, agreeably to ancient custom the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when R. W. Wm. Adcock, Esq., was nominated and reappointed G^d Master of Masons, and he was pleased to appoint the R. Worshipful Alex. Rutherford, D^y G^d Master.

Bro.	Ord was unanimously chosen as	Sr G^d Warden.
"	Tilton " "	J^r G^d Warden.
"	Howell was continued as	G^d Sec'y.
"	Jennings "	D^y G^d Sec'y.
"	Hamilton was chosen	G^d Treas.
"	Hand and Jones are appointed	Deacons.

Unanimously agreed that Bro. H. D. Pursell be appointed Grand Sword Bearer.

Received a letter from Joseph Webb, Esq., Grand Master of Masons at Boston, the consideration of which is postponed till next Quarterly Communication.

Unanimously agreed, that the brethren of the several Lodges walk in Masonic procession on next St. John's Day, to attend divine service at Christ Church, and that the R. W. G^d Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master wait on the Rev. Dr. White,* and request him to prepare a charity sermon for that day.

Ordered, that the following advertisement be inserted in the different public papers:

"All members of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons are particularly requested to meet on Monday next, precisely at nine

* Afterwards Bishop of the Episcopal Church.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

o'clock, in the forenoon, at the Lodge Room, in Lodge Alley, from thence to walk, in Masonic procession, to Christ Church, when a Charity sermon will be delivered for the poor of the craft, the poor of the congregation, and the distressed prisoners confined in the gaol. After the sermon an anthem will be sung, suitable to the occasion."

Extra Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 28TH, 1784.

Present: R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

The R. W. G. M. was installed in due form, likewise Bro. Tilton as J. G. Warden.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Rev. Dr. White, for his politeness in accompanying the fraternity and delivering a sermon before them on St. John's Day. Bros. Tilton, Smith, and Howell are appointed a Committee to wait on Mr. White for that purpose and request a copy of the sermon for the press.

Quarterly Communication.

MARCH 28TH, 1785.

Present: R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, and 40 represented.

Bro. Ord was installed S. G. W., and took his place as such.

Bro. Tilton took his place as J. G. W.

The Committee appointed to wait on Dr. White report that agreeable to order they presented the thanks of the Grand Lodge to him, and that in consequence of their request he politely gave a copy of the sermon for the press.

Agreed, that the R. W. G^{d} Master, D. G^{d} Master, and S. G^{d}. Warden be a Committee to provide Jewels for the officers of the Grand Lodge, of such metal as they may think proper.

The thanks of the vestry of church was presented by the R. W. G^{d} Master, signed by Woodrop Sims, Church Warden, for the charity collected on St. John's Day last.

On motion, Ordered, that a circular letter be drawn and sent to the several Lodges in this State, under this jurisdiction, to request a subscription for money, to be raised to purchase, if necessary, the House called the Lodge, in Lodge Alley, and that Bros. Smith, Humphreys, and Bush be a Committee for that purpose.*

A letter from Halifax, 20th Dec., 1784, addressed to Bro. Proc-

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* One of the subscription lists elicited by this circular letter was formed among members of Lodge No. 2, as follows:

We, the subscribers, do promise to pay into the hands of Alex. Rutherford, Praise Wadman, and Benj. Nones the sum which we have affixed to our names, being for the purpose of purchasing or building a house for a Lodge, agreeably to a minute of Lodge No. 2 of April 11th, 1785.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Wm. Ball,	3	15	0	Moses Cohen,	1	15	0
Isaac Pennington,	1	17	6	Jas. Hutchinson,	2	5	0
Benj. Nones,	3	0	0	Mat. Henderson,	1	10	0
Ashton Humphreys,	1	2	6	Jac. Bankson,	1	15	0
Isaiah Bush,	1	2	6	Jno Dunlap,	2	5	0
Jno. Leaming,	1	2	6	Jas. Craig, Junr.,	1	2	6
Jerh. Fox,	0	15	0	J Shallus,	1	2	6
Abm Roberts,	1	2	6	Wm. Milnor,	1	2	6
Jno. Bartram, Jr.,	1	2	6	Cornal Jarvis,	3	0	0
Jno. Carson,	1	10	0	Jno. Salsbery,	1	10	0
Wm Geisse,	2	0	0	Richd. Wistar,	2	5	0
L. Simmons,	1	0	0	Thos. Wylie,	1	2	6
Jno. Wood,	5	0	0	Thos. Leaming, Jr.,	1	2	6
Thos. Jones,	3	0	0	Richd. Patton,	1	10	0
Jos. Howell, Jr.,	1	17	6	Frs. Johnston,	1	2	6
Jno. Angus,	1	13	4	Henry Bedkin,	1	2	6
Ed. Evans,	1	2	6	Hugh Lennox,	1	10	0
Wm. Shirtliff,	1	2	6	Jno Maillard,	3	0	0
Isaac Vanvleck,	1	0	0	Alex. Rutherford,	6	0	0
Thos. Proctor,	6	0	0	Jno. Vannost,	2	5	0
R. T Shewell,	1	10	0	Lemuel Savage,	1	2	6
P. S Duponceau,	1	2	6	W. M. Ellaton,	1	0	0
John King,	1	10	0	Wm. Kunckel,	1	0	0
Jas. Sutter,	0	15	0	Jon'n Gostelawe,	1	2	6
Geo. Westcott,	1	2	6	Wm Keeler,	1	2	6
Chas. Dryatt,	1	2	6	B. Dougherty,	5	0	0
W. Humphreys,	1	2	6	Jno. Reily,	3	0	0
Jno. Redman,	1	2	6	Jas. McLean,	3	0	0
Jno. Claypoole,	1	2	6	Jno. Wence,	3	0	0
Benj. Davis, Jr.,	1	2	6	Jno. Irwin,	2	5	0
Jno. Rice,	2	5	0				
E. Beatty,	1	2	6		£115	5	10

tor, inclosing the minutes of a Lodge held at said place, requesting a friendly and brotherly intercourse, was read.

Ordered that the letter be answered by the above committee, and that a list of the Lodges under this jurisdiction be sent with it.

Extra Grand Lodge.

April 21st, 1785.

Present: Brother Wm. Tilton, Jr Grd Warden, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 16, 22, and 40 represented.

A petition from a number of brethren from the borough of Lancaster, praying for a warrant, was taken into consideration.

On motion, agreed that the Sec'y prepare a warrant, No. 43, with the name of Stephen Chambers, Master; John Doyle, S. W., and Henry Stuber, J. W., to be delivered on their paying for the same.

Quarterly Communication.

June 20th, 1785.

Present: R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 40 represented.

Unanimously agreed, that agreeable to the prayer of several petitioning brethren a warrant be granted, appointing Bro. Daniel Cummings, Master; Bro. Samuel Freeman, Senior Warden; and Bro. James Berry, J. W., of Lodge No. 44, to be held in the village, called Duck Creek, in the State of Delaware (cross roads), and that the same be prepared by the Secretary as soon as possible.

Ordered that a dispensation be sent with the said warrant, empowering Bros. Mark McCall, Duncan Beard, William Johnson, and William Bradford, or any two of them, to install in due form the said Brothers Daniel Cummings, Samuel Freeman, and James Berry.

Received a letter from the R. W. Bro. Joseph Webb, Grand Master of Masonry at Boston, enclosing sundry papers, rules, and regu-

lations, which are referred to Bros. Humphreys, Smith, and Jennings, who are appointed a committee to answer the same.

Rec^d from Bro. Andrew Dunscomb the names of the G^r Officers of the State of Virginia, viz., James Mercer, Esq., G. M.; Edmund Randolph, D. G. M.; Leighton Wood, Grand Secretary; John M. Galt, Treasurer. The Gr^d Sec'y is requested to make enquiry as to their antiquity.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Oct. 8th, 1785.

Present, R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, and 40 represented.

Read a letter from the W. Bro. Samuel May and Bro. J. Gamul Dowdall, Secretary of Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, inclosing the minutes and proceedings of said Lodge, and pointing out the numerous difficulties under which they have labored, in consequence of the death and departure of many of their brethren from that body, which having been taken into consideration, unanimously

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve in the strongest manner of the conduct and proceedings of Bros. Samuel May, Edward McGuire, David Kennedy, and J. G. Dowdall for their zeal and attention to the interests of Masonry and of their exertions on the 2d of Feb'y last; and this Gr^d Lodge do also highly approve of the conduct of the brethren of Lodge No. 12, and are of opinion that the said Lodge merit the thanks and respect of all regular Masons, and recommend to them a continuance of their zeal.

Ordered that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be transmitted by the R. W. Grd. Master to Lodge No. 12, and that the said Lodge be assured of all the protection and advice this Grand Lodge can afford them.

Extra Grand Lodge.

Oct. 27th, 1785.

R. W. Alex. Rutherford, D. G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 40 represented.

Ordered that Bros. Humphreys and Hamilton be added to the committee to form By-Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge, appointed the 20th Decr last.

The R. W. D^y Gr^d Master informed this body that a committee of the present proprietors of this Lodge House had offered to the different Lodges the three upper rooms, at the rent of £30 per annum.

Agreed that the proposal be accepted.

The R. W. D^y Gr^d Master also reported that Bro. Jos. Dean had offered a lot containing 40 feet in front and 130 feet in depth, for one penny per annum ground rent for ever, provided the Free Masons will build on the same.

Unanimously agreed, that the thanks of this Gr^d Lodge be given to our worthy Bro. Jos. Dean, and that the R. W. D^y Gr^d Master, Bro. Ball, and Bro. Few be appointed to wait on Bro. Dean, acquaint him they will accept the same and assure him that they are perfectly sensible of his generous offer.

Agreed, that the R. W. Grand Master, D. G. Master, Bros. Humphreys, Smith, and Few be appointed trustees to receive from Bro. Jos. Dean a deed in trust for the use of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Ordered that it be recommended to the officers of the several Lodges to collect a sum of money from their members as soon as possible, and pay the same to the G. Treas., who is empowered to receive it.

It being reported to this Lodge that one-third of the purchase-money arising from the sale of the Lodge House will be applied to a charitable purpose,

Ordered that the R. W. G. Master, Bro. Ball, and Bro. Humphreys be a committee to wait upon the late proprietaries, inform them of our intention of building a new Lodge house, and solicit from them a preference in their intended donation.

Extra Grand Lodge.

DEC. 6TH, 1785.

R. W. WM. ADCOCK, G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 38, and 40 represented.

Bro. Humphreys presented a deed in fee simple from Bro. Joseph Dean and Hannah, his wife, to Wm. Adcock, Wm. Ball, Alexander

Rutherford, Jonathan B. Smith, Asheton Humphreys, and Joseph Few, and to their heirs and assigns, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; likewise a deed or declaration of trust from the said trustees to the aforesaid Joseph Dean, which have met with the full approbation of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of which the trustees are requested to have the said deeds and all other necessary instruments of writing executed and recorded.

It is unanimously agreed, that our new building be styled the Grand Lodge House of Penna., and that when the trustees are reduced to the number of three, the survivors shall convey to six or more other trustees, to be nominated and appointed by the G^d Lodge.

Ordered that a circular letter be prepared by the Secretary and Treasurer, and sent to the different Lodges under this jurisdiction, expressive of the intentions of the G. Lodge, and requesting a subscription to be opened in order to enable them to execute their design.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1785.

Present: R. W. Wm. Adcock, G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 38, and 40 represented.

Brother Proctor presented a petition from several brethren at Charles Town (accompanied with a letter from Bro. Weyman), praying for the benefit of a warrant to hold a Lodge at the Village of Winnsborough, in the State of South Carolina. A petition was likewise presented from several brethren for the like benefit of a warrant for a Lodge to be held in the borough of Reading.

Unanimously *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Secretary complete the warrants as soon as possible.

This being St. John the Evangelist's Day, the G. Lodge proceeded to the choice of officers, when the R^t W^l Wm. Adcock was nominated and reappointed Grand Master of Masons for the State of Pennsylvania and the territories thereunto belonging, and he was pleased to appoint the R^t W^l Alex. Rutherford as D^y G^d Master.

Bro. Jonathan B. Smith was elected as Sr G^d Warden.
" Jos. Dean " J^r G^d Warden.
" Hamilton was unanimously elected Gr^d Treas.
" Humphreys was appointed Gr^d Sec'y.

A petition from several brethren from Pittsburgh (accompanied with a letter from Bro. Tilton), requesting a warrant for a Lodge to be held at Pittsburgh, was presented and read. Agreed that the same be granted.

The Secretary produced a warrant constituting and appointing Bros. William Tilton, M.; Michel Huffnagle, S. W.; and William McClerey, Junior Warden of Lodge No. 45, to be held at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, which was signed by the Grand Officers.

Agreed, that a letter be prepared by the committee appointed to form By-Laws, and sent to the different *Modern* Lodges, expressive of our wishes of a general attachment and union, and likewise a letter in answer to Brother John Peacock, the Sec'y of the Lodge in Savannah, giving such admonition as may appear necessary on the occasion.

Ordered that the *representatives* of the different Lodges under this jurisdiction be informed that they are henceforth to be accountable for the dues of the Lodges they represent.

The deed or declaration of trust from the trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge to Bro. Joseph Dean, was executed in the presence of the Grand Officers.

Extra Grand Lodge.

FEB. 3D, 1786.

Present: R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 40 represented.

Bro. Humphreys being present was installed to his office of Grand Secretary with the usual ceremonies.

Bro. Humphreys then nominated Bro. James Whitehead to be his Deputy, which was approved of by the Lodge.

Translations of two letters from a Lodge held at Cape François, written in French, and directed to General Washington as Grand Master of all America, soliciting a charter, were laid before this Lodge and read, and the same being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That a warrant be granted in the names of Jno. L. Galbert Barron, Master; John B. Gauthrow, S. W.; and Ant. Pailliez, J. W.; and the Secretary was directed to make out the warrant, and ordered that a dispensation be sent to John Ant. Marialbert.

Whereas, This Gr^d^ Lodge have, in their circular letter to the several Gr^d^ Lodges on this continent, declared that their subordinate connection with the G. L. of England no longer existed,

On motion and seconded, that the words usually inserted in the warrants under this jurisdiction declarative of such subordination, be not inserted in any future warrants; and the same being taken into consideration, it was agreed to postpone the same.

Quarterly Grand Communication.

March 27th, 1786.

D^y^ G. M. Alex. Rutherford in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 22, and 25 represented.

It was moved and agreed upon, that Bro. Humphreys be appointed to address a letter in reply to those received from a number of brethren of a Lodge held at Cape François, informing them that their letters were received and laid before this Grand Lodge by a Mr. French, whose conduct has been, during his continuance with us, very unbecoming a gentleman and brother, and to request to be fully advised by them on the subject.

Read a petition from Lodge No. 5, recommending a warrant to be granted for holding a Lodge at the head of Elk, State of Maryland. It was ordered that when application should be made for the said warrant that it be granted.

Read a petition from the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, respecting some differences which have arisen in their Lodge, and requesting the interference of the Grand Lodge to quiet the same. Bro. Hamilton was appointed to visit and convene the said Lodge together, inquire into their differences, and to use his best endeavors to unite them in love and harmony. Bro. Hamilton going southward, was also requested to wait on the several Lodges which was in his power, and to inquire into the state of their affairs and make report to the G. Lodge.

On motion and seconded, it was ordered that a circular letter be written to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction generally, informing them that it is the wish of the Grand Lodge to establish

themselves as a Grand Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and that it is intended to take up the matter at the Quarterly Communication in Sept. next, and requesting their attendance at that time either by their proper officers or by deputation in writing.

Treasurer paid night expenses, 42*s.* 4*d.*

Quarterly Communication.

JUNE 12TH, 1786.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 12 represented.

Bro. Gavin Hamilton presented to this Lodge a deputation in writing from Lodge No. 12, authorizing him to represent them in Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from the Master and brethren of Lodge No. 22, acquiescing in the determination of the G. Lodge relative to establishing themselves as a G. Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority; also, have agreed with respect to deputizing some person to represent them in G. Lodge, and have appointed Bros. Jno. Boyd and Fred. Antis for that purpose.

A letter was handed from Lodge No. 7, informing the G. Lodge of their inability at this time to afford them any assistance towards building a G. Lodge in this city.

A letter was read from the Master and brethren of Lodge No. 18, held at Shelburn, relative to the G. Lodge having issued out a warrant of the same number which they worked under, by which they thought themselves excluded from being under their jurisdiction; also requesting to be furnished with the sum they stood indebted to the G. Lodge for their dues, and soliciting the G. L. to address a letter in their behalf to Gen[l] Parsons on the subject of a Lodge warrant and civilities which they had experienced from him.

Ordered that the Sec[y] reply to the same, and advise the said Lodge that the G. L., not having heard from them for some time, did grant a warrant of the same number of theirs, but that they do not consider their warrant vacated, and that they still shall consider them as under their jurisdiction.

Also, that the books of the Treasurer having by some means during the war got lost, by which means no account of their dues can be ascertained, and to request them to complete the account from their own books as near as may be, informing them that for every initiation 5*s*. and for every member, as his dues, 4*s*. per annum, due search to be made for their warrant mentioned to be lost, and their requisition with respect to Gen[l] Parsons to be granted.

It is reported to this G. L. that the warrant granted for holding a Lodge in city of Burlington, No. 32, is in some person's hands in that place and is made no use of,

Ordered that the Sec[y] be requested to write to some brother residing in that place, and requesting him to use his endeavors to find the same and transmit it to the G. Lodge.

Bros. Few, Will, and Hamilton are appointed a committee to procure proper furniture for the Grand Lodge immediately.

St. John's Day, June 24th, 1786.

Present: D[y] G. M. Alex. Rutherford in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15, and 45 represented.

The D[y] G. Master resigned his seat in the chair to the S[r] G[d] Warden, when the officers of Lodge No. 3 laid before the Grand Lodge a report of their committee concerning monies raised for the education of our late Brother Bentlin's oldest son, which appeared to have been paid into the hands of Bro. Rutherford by his own acknowledgement.

Bro. Rutherford offered to give security to the guardians of the child for £75, State money of the emission of 1781, or the value thereof as it now is, which the G. L., with the assent of Bro. Rutherford, ascertained to amount to £37 10*s*. with the interest now due, which is to be paid in three months, and the principal in four equal payments every six months after the expiration of the said three months. The Deputy Grand Master resumed the chair.

Quarterly Communication.

SEPT. 25TH, 1786.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 14, 18, 22, 33, 44, 45, and 38 represented.

Several brethren, members of, and representing 12 Lodges under this jurisdiction, attending in consequence of a circular letter directed to be written at the Quarterly Communication in March last, requesting them to attend this Quarterly Communication either by their proper officers or by deputation in writing, upon the determination of the question whether it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a Grand Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority; it was, therefore, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, That it is improper that this G. Lodge should continue any longer under any foreign jurisdiction. A declaration was then drawn by a committee appointed for that purpose, which being read at the Secretary's table the same was ordered to be signed by the R. W. G. Master and Sec^y and sealed with the seal of this Lodge, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes of this Lodge, and is as follows, viz.:

In consequence of a circular letter written at the Quarterly Communication in March last, and transmitted by the G. Sec^y to the respective Lodges under this jurisdiction, requesting them, by their proper officers or deputies to attend this day, upon the determination of a question agitated in this Lodge, viz.: Whether it is proper for this Lodge to declare themselves a G. Lodge, independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and the said officers and deputies attending, it was thereupon,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority whatever, and that they are not under any ties to any other Grand Lodge except those of brotherly love and affection, which they will always be happy to cultivate and preserve with all Lodges throughout the globe.

Unanimously done in open Grand Lodge in ample form assembled, this twenty-fifth of September, Anno Domini 1786, and of Masonry 5786. WM. ADCOCK, G. M.

Attest: ASSHETON HUMPHREYS,
Grd. Sec'y.

This Lodge, acting by virtue of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, was closed for ever.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26th, 1786.

AT a grand Convention of Thirteen different Lodges, working by virtue of warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their Constituents to decide upon the Question, Whether the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should establish themselves as a Grand Lodge independent of Great Britain or any other authority, and with the concurrence of other Lodges, signified by letter, It was unanimously

Resolved, That the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, lately held under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, will, and do now, form themselves into a Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, to be held in Philadelphia; and that the late Grand Officers continue to be the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, invested with all the powers, jurisdictions, pre-eminence, and authority thereunto belonging, till the usual time of the next election; and that the Grand Lodge and the particular Lodges govern themselves by the Rules and Regulations heretofore established, till other Rules and Regulations shall be adopted.

JOS. FEW.
JAS. WHITEHEAD.
CHAS. YOUNG.
WM. DELANY.
JOHN STAFFORD.
GAVIN HAMILTON, rep. No. 12.
JACOB S. HOWELL.
JOSEPH CAPELLA.
JOHN VANNOST, rep. No. 22.
FRED^k ANTES.
SAM^l FREEMAN, No. 44.
EDWARD FOX.
WILL ADCOCK, Chairman.
J. B. SMITH.
ALEX. RUTHERFORD.
THOS. DUNCAN SMITH.
PRAISE WADMAN.
JOS. DEAN.
FRANCIS ROBINSON.
CHAS. TATHAM, No. 18.
DANL. CUMMINS.
JOHN CLARK, for No. 25.
JNO. STOCKTON.
ASSHETON HUMPHREYS.

J. B. SMITH, representing 45.

Grand Lodge.

SEPT. 26TH (28-25), 1786.

Present as before.

Lodge opened in due form.

The proceedings of a Convention of 13 different Lodges, working by virtue of warrants from the late Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with full power from their Constituents, etc., was read and unanimously agreed to.

On motion, and seconded, the R. W. appointed Bro. Wadman to be the Steward of the Grand Lodge until the next election.

The Committee appointed to obtain information respecting the dispute subsisting between No. 4 and Bro. Grayham, a member of that Lodge, severally reported that they had endeavoured to inform themselves, but could get no information. The Secretary then, by the desire of the Master of No. 4, and in his name, made a tender of their warrant to the Gr^d Master, and it was received.

A letter was read from Brother M. Gist, praying a warrant to be granted for holding a Lodge in Charlestown, in the name of M. Gist, Master; Thomas B. Bowen, S. W.; Ephraim Mitchell, J. W.

Ordered, That the said warrant be granted, and the Secretary desired to make it out.

A petition from a number of Brethren, members of different warranted Lodges, held under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, praying a warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge in this city, was read, and the same held under advisement.

On motion and seconded, That a Committee be appointed to form a warrant to be granted to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That Bro. Fox, J. B. Smith, and Thos. D. Smith be a Committee for that purpose, and the said Committee are required to write a letter to the Grand Lodge of England, taking a formal leave of them.

Lodge closed in good harmony, and adjourned to this day three weeks.

[The action of the Grand Lodge on September 25th, 1786, in severing its connection with the parent body, the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions (ancients), was noticed in the leading newspaper of the day, and is thus commented upon by the editor and one of his correspondents. We quote from the *Pennsylvania Gazette, of October 4th,* 1786, *Number* 2940, *third page, third column,* as follows:

"We are told that on Monday the 25th ult., a *communication* took place of the different officers and representatives of the respective Lodges, under the government of the *Grand* Lodge of PENNSYLVANIA, in order to consider the propriety of renouncing their submissiveness to the *Masonic* power and authority of *Great Britain,* and declaring themselves *independent* of any foreign jurisdiction, and it was resolved that the Grand Lodge is, and ought to be, perfectly free and independent . . . . of every foreign jurisdiction whatever."

"This measure (observes a correspondent) is not without precedent to sanctify it in the annals of Masonry. Such has been the conduct of other Lodges similarly circumstanced with ourselves, and seems to arise from the providential order and disposition of human events. For although Masonry disowns any connection with *politics* or *faction,* and 'tis right it should be so; yet, considering a separation has taken place between the once united countries of Britain and America, it would be as improper and absurd that we should again yield an obedience to her wild, extravagant claims of power, as that Lodges of this independent empire should be subservient to jurisdictions from abroad. But, notwithstanding our Masonic dependence on Great Britain is now no more, yet those fine-spun cords of love and affection, by which the fraternity are drawn together, will no doubt ever induce them, . . . as a *band of brothers* connected by the dearest ties, . . . to cultivate the most social intercourses with each other. The means of this happy cultivation and improvement will probably be the frequent subject of our best and most serious disquisitions. We shall endeavor to hold forth every engaging allurement, that the members of the British Grand Lodge may approach and apply their elegant wonder-working fingers to finish the beauties of so well-ordered a *dome* in this *new* empire, and make this favorite land what we really wish, the distinguished residence, the last best retreat of heaven-born Masonry."

"And, while amid the scientific labors of the Lodge, elevated schemes of mutual intercourse, of fraternal love will engage and enrapture our minds; while holy and *ancient* mysteries warm the imagination with improvement's kindred glow; while in the mournful investigation of a brother's wants, pleading pity melts our eye and generous compassion swells the feeling bosom; while, amid the cheerful exertions of inoffensive mirth, of heart enlarging friendly communication, reflection enables us to look back on our proceedings with pleasure, . . . and conscience, the gentle monitor of every mind, shall find nothing to dislike or disapprove, . . . *then* let us embrace this opportunity to admire that *Hero King,** that illuminated *pole star* of the *sublime* Masonic system, whose fame

* The King of Prussia, founder of the *Sublime* Lodge of Perfection in this city.

as a prince is beyond all applause, and whom we may justly boast as one of the first and most distinguished friends and lovers of the *royal art.* That ancient and honorable art, for whose promotion and dignity LODGES are opened in every quarter of the globe."

"For it is with peculiar pleasure it may be asserted that in whatever matters men may differ and disagree, yet they are unanimous in venerating an amiable institution, which annihilates all parties, conciliates all private opinions, and renders those who, by their Almighty Father, were made of *one blood*, to be also of one heart and one mind, BRETHREN bound firmly, bound together by that indissoluble tie—the *love* of their God and the love of their *kind.*"

"*Father* of all, in every age,
In every clime ador'd
By saint, by savage, and by sage,
Jehovah, Jove or Lord—

"To Thee whose temple is all space,
Whose altar, earth, sea, skies,
One chorus let all beings raise,
All nature's incense rise."

"Future and more copious discussions of this high and entertaining theme may one day perhaps (concludes our correspondent) engage pens far more able than his. For the present to attempt its eulogium would be wasteful and superfluous excess, . . . would be, in the fine language of one of our sublimest bards,

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume in the violet;
To smooth the ice; to add another hue
Into the rainbow; or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of heav'n to garnish."]

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

16TH OCT., 1786.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 18, 45, represented.

The Committee appointed last Quarterly Communication to prepare a warrant and address a farewell letter to the Grand Lodge of England made report, and laid before the Grand Lodge a form of warrant for holding Lodges under their Jurisdiction, as well as of a letter to the said Grand Lodge of England, which, being read, was unanimously approved of and adopted.

Moved and seconded, That a number of the said warrants, as drafted by the Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge, be printed in Script hand, and that the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction be furnished individually with one of the same, free of any expense, upon surrendering their old warrant, which was unanimously agreed to.

Bros. J. B. Smith, A. Humphreys, and J. Whitehead was then appointed a Committee to superintend this business.

Moved and seconded, That a circular letter be written to the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylª., informing them of the resolve lately adopted by the said Provincial Grand Lodge, working by virtue of warrant from Great Britain, whereby they had declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge independent of any foreign Jurisdiction, and requesting them to surrender up to this Grand Lodge their present warrant, and accept a fresh warrant under the authority of this Grand Lodge, which will be granted to them free of any expense, which motion being adopted, the same was referred to the above-named Committee.

Extra Grand Lodge.

DEC. 2ND, 1786.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 45, 38, 12, represented.

Geo. Orde, Past M. N 3.*
Willson, R. Arch.*
Copeland, N 9.
Bernard.

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* We have noted the above, as it is the first mention of Past Master and Royal Arch in the proceedings.—*Library Committee.*

It was moved and seconded, That the brethren of the several Lodges walk in Masonic procession on next St. John's Day to attend Divine service at the University, and that the Rev[d] Dr. Ewing or Pilmore be applied to for the purpose of preparing a charity sermon for that day; which motion being carried, the R. W. G. Master, Bros. Dean, Whitehead, and the D. G. Master was appointed a Committee to wait on the Trustees of the University for the purpose of obtaining the privilege of the University on this occasion, as well as also to wait on either of the above gentlemen for the purpose already mentioned. In case of failure in either of these instances, it was ordered, That the Committee have full power to make such changes as they conceive most advisable.

Moved and seconded, That the moneys collected on this occasion be applied equally to the benefit of the poor in the Gaol of this city and those belonging to the Craft, unless the sermon is preached in a church, in such case they are to have an equal proportion with those mentioned. Agreed to.

Ordered, That as soon as the Committee have finally fixed on the place where the sermon is to be preached, they are hereby required to frame an advertisement, which is to be inserted in the different newspapers, inviting all Free and Accepted Masons to attend the procession.

Bro. Smith, one of the Committee appointed to superintend the printing of the warrants last stated, presented to this Lodge a proof-sheet of the said warrant, which, being examined, was approved of.

Ordered, That the said Committee be authorized to make such alteration and go to such further expense in the printing of the same as they may conceive necessary and proper, except the arms of the United States, which is to be continued on it.

Grand Lodge.

Dec. 18th, 1786.

R. W. G. M. Wm. Adcock in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 15, 12, 22, 38, 47, represented.

The Committee appointed at an extra meeting of this Grand Lodge, the second December inst., to apply for the place, &c., where the charity sermon was to be preached on St. John's Day, as ordered by the Grand Lodge at said meeting, report that they have fixed on

St. Paul's Church, and that the Rev[d] Mr. Pilmore has consented to prepare and preach a sermon on this occasion.

On motion and seconded, It was ordered that Bros. T. D. Smith and Vannost be a Committee to address a letter to Doctor Smith, requesting him to furnish them with a book in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge, entitled the Bye-Laws of the Grand Lodge, for which purpose the Deputy Grd. Sec[y]., by order of the Grand Lodge, furnish them with an order on him for the same.

Read a recommendation from a number of the brethren of Lodge No. 2 in favor of Bros. Thos. Proctor, Young, and Melbeck for holding a Lodge in this city, No. 19, as mentioned in their petition last quarterly communication of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitioners, with others be, granted, and the Secretary is hereby required to make out a warrant in the names of the brethren as mentioned heretofore.

Read a Letter from Lodge No. 7, whereby it appeared that they had, together with Lodges No. 6, 17, 19, 29, and the Lodge held at Somerset,* No. 37, declared and established themselves a Grand Lodge, independent of this Grand Lodge or any other authority.

On motion and seconded, It was ordered that a Committee be appointed to reply to the said letter. Whereupon Bros. J. B. Smith, T. D. Smith, Fox, and Humphreys were appointed for that purpose.

On motion and seconded, It was ordered that Bros. M. Whitehead, T. D. Smith, Proctor, Howard, and Young, or any three of them, be a Committee to direct and regulate the procession on St. John's Day.

Extra Grand Lodge.

JANY. 2D, 1787.

R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges 3, 12, 22, 38, 45, represented.

On motion and seconded, Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Revd. Mr. Pilmore for his sermon delivered on St. John's Day, and to the Revd. Dr. Magaw for his prayer on that occasion. Whereupon Bros. Matthew Whitehead, Thos. D. Smith, Proctor, Howard, and Young, or any three of them, were appointed a Committee to return the thanks of the Grand Lodge to

* Maryland.

those gentlemen; and said Committee were requested to ask a copy of the sermon and prayer, in order that the same may be printed. It was then moved and seconded, that the thanks of this Lodge be likewise returned by the same Committee to Mr. Adgate and the members of the Uranian Society for their kind attention on St. John's Day last.

The R. W. G. Master then informed the Lodge that Bros. Williams, Few, and Proctor had been nominated to distribute that proportion of the monies which had been collected on St. John's Day, and which had been appropriated for the relief of the distressed prisoners in Gaol; and Bros. Delany, Service, Kidd, and Whitehead had been nominated to distribute the share which was appropriated for distressed Brethren, which met the approbation of the Lodge.

Ordered, That the expenses which have occurred on account of musick on St. John's Day be paid out of the monies collected on that day, and which have been and may be received by the members nominated to distribute the same.

The Lodge then proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, when

The R. W. Wm. Adcock was re-elected Grand Master, who nominated Jon[a] Bayard Smith to be his Deputy, which met the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Joseph Dean was then duly elected	S. Gr[d] Warden.
Bro. Geo. Ord	Jr " "
Bro. Gavin Hamilton	Treasurer.
And Bro. Asheton Humphreys	Secretary.

Bro. Delany was then appointed S. D., and Bro. Joseph Few, J. D.

The R. W. Grd. Master was then proclaimed 3 times aloud by the Secretary accordingly, and saluted by the brethren according to ancient form. The R. W. G. Master then resigned the chair to Bro. Thos. D. Smith, who installed the following brethren to their respective offices, viz.:

Jon[a] Bayard Smith,	Dep. G. Master.
Geo. Ord,	J. G. W.
Gavin Hamilton,	Treasurer.
Asheton Humphries,	Grd. Secretary.

The Grd. Secty. then nominated Bro. James Whitehead to be his deputy.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that Bro. Wm. Williams, a Master Mason, be permitted to pass the chair, and, assenting to the same, was passed to the chair with the usual ceremonies.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 13TH, '87.

The R. W. D. G. Master J. B. SMITH in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

It appearing from information of the S. G. W. that this Lodge was convened for the purpose of constituting a new Lodge, No. 19, for which a warrant had been granted and signed. Whereupon Thomas Proctor was duly installed Master; Chas. Young, S. W.; and J. Melbeck, J. W., of said Lodge, according to ancient form.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

MAR. 26TH, 1787.

R. W. D. G. M. J. B. SMITH in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 12, 22, 40, 45, represented.

Ordered, on motion and seconded, That the Secty. call on the late officers of vacant Lodges to deliver their books, papers, jewels, and furniture to this Lodge.

Ordered, That the Secretary send 3 copies of the sermon and prayer to every Lodge under the Jurisdiction, and six copies to every Grand Lodge in the United States.

Ordered, That a letter be written to every G. Lodge in the United States, informing them of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at their Communication on 26th of Sept. last, with a copy of their By-Laws and Books of Constitution.

The Committee made report of a draft of By-Laws, which was read and ordered to be recommitted, and that Bro. T. D. Smith be added to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Treas^r buy every book for the use of this Lodge which appear interesting on Masonry.

Ordered, That the Treasurer buy a ticket in the lottery for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

JUNE 18TH, 1787.

The R. W. G. M. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 12, 15, 40, 45, represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge being opened in due form, Bro. Joseph Dean, who was elected Senior G. W. of this G. Lodge on St. John's Day last, and who could not attend the Lodge by reason of sickness, attending this day was duly installed S. W.

The Treasurer informed the Lodge that agreeable to the orders of the G. Lodge he had purchased a ticket in the lottery, No. 5, M. 314, which was drawn blank, and which he produced, and was ordered to be filed.

On motion and seconded, Resolved that the several Lodges under the Jurisdiction which have proved delinquent in the payment of dues, be requested to pay up the arrearages by them due and owing respectively, and in case they cannot pay up the whole, that this Grand Lodge will receive such sums as they can pay in full satisfaction of all dues by them respectively owing at the time the Grand Lodge resolved to separate from foreign Jurisdiction, but that from that time it is expected they will pay up their dues regularly or surrender their warrants, and that a letter be written informing them of this resolve by the Secretary, who is authorized to get the form printed if necessary.

On motion and seconded, That this Grand Lodge subscribe to the Philada. Dispensary for the relief of sick persons. Resolved that this Grand Lodge will, when their funds will admit, subscribe, and that it be recommended to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction within this city to subscribe also.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the R. W. G. Master and D. G. M. present to his excellency Gen[l] Washington the present book of Constitution.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

DEC. 17TH, 1787.

The R. W. WM. ADCOCK in the chair.

Lodges 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 40, 45, represented.

It was then moved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Committee of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in this city, respecting the procuring a room in the Philosophical Hall, now building, for the meeting of this Lodge and the several Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

Read a letter from J. Gamel Dowell and other brethren of No. 12, of Winchester, soliciting a warrant. Ordered that the same lie over for further consideration, no recommendation from Lodge No. 12 accompanying the same.

Read a letter from Wm. Dean and others soliciting a warrant for holding a Lodge in Moreland township, Montgomery County. Ordered to lie over, no recommendation accompanying the same.

Read a letter from Wm. Beck, Tyler of this Lodge, praying assistance in his present distressed circumstances, which, being considered, it was thought best that a recommendation to the brethren to assist him should be prepared. Whereupon the Secretary was directed to prepare him one.

The R. W. D. G. Master having informed the Lodge that the present R. W. G. Master had consented to serve the Lodge in the office of Grand Master for the ensuing year, and he, acccepting of the nomination, was thrice proclaimed aloud by the Grand Secretary Master of Masons. The Grand Master then nominated Bro. Jon^a B. Smith D^y G. Master for the ensuing year, which met the approbation of the Lodge.

Bro. Dean was then duly elected S. W.
" Geo. Ord " J^r W.
" Hamilton " Treas.

The Lodge taking into consideration the distresses of many poor brethren at this inclement season, recommend it to the several Lodges in this city, under their jurisdiction, to open contributions in their respective Lodges for the relief of distressed brethren, and that the moneys raised be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the purposes aforesaid; and the Secretary is directed to inform the several Lodges in this city of the same.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the Grand Secretary summon the members of No. 2, who have declined their meetings for some time past, to convene themselves for the purposes of considering the present state and situation of the same.

Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1787.

The R. W. D. G. Master J. B. Smith in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 12, 19, 40, 9, 15, represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form, when Bros. Proctor, McCree, and Duplesses were appointed a Committee to wait on the R. W. G. Master and request his attendance for the purpose of installation, who afterwards returned and informed the Lodge that the R. W. G. Master could not attend now; if necessary he would attend in the evening, though inconvenient. The following officers elect were then installed to their respective offices:

Bro. Dean,	S. W.
Bro.	J. W.
Bro. G. Hamilton,	Treasurer.

On motion and seconded, It was ordered that the Grand Treasurer receive from Bro. Hunt and Bro. Jones, late officers of No. 4, the pedestals, jewels, books, money, and other property belonging to that Lodge, and give a receipt for the same.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

Jany 21st, 1788.

The R. W. G. M. Wm. Adcock in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 12, 22, 40, 45, represented.

The Committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the better Government of this Grand Lodge made report.

The R. W. G. Master and D. G. M. were then duly installed to their several offices.

The report being read the same were, on motion and seconded, unanimously adopted.

Ordered, That the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction who have appointed Committees to receive subscriptions for building a house upon the Lot of Ground in this city, given by Bro. Jos Dean, return to the G. L., at their next Qrly. Commn, an account of what moneys have been received for that purpose, or what subscriptions have been made, and the Secy is desired to give them notice thereof.

Ordered further, That Bros Williams and Few, who are appointed a Committee for that purpose, furnish a plan for the building at the next Qrly Commn, with the expense thereof.

Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication.

March 31st, 1788.

The R. W. Jon. B. Smith, D. G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 40, and 45, represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge being opened in due form, the Grd. Secretary informed the Lodge, that agreeable to orders given him, at the last quarterly communication, he had convened the members of No. 2, of which he himself was a member. That in consequence thereof at a meeting of said Lodge, a Committee were appointed to collect the sentiments of the several members of that Lodge, which Committee were directed to report at an adjourned Lodge, but that the said Lodge had never since met, whereupon on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Grd. Sec'y be directed to convene the members of No. 2 again, and in case of a failure to demand their warrant, &c., in order that it may be returned to the Grd. Lodge.

Read a letter from Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary of the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, informing the Lodge that Bro. B. N——, in consequence of charges entered and proved against him before the Sublime Lodge of Perfection, held in this city on the 11th inst., was unanimously expelled from the said Lodge, which was ordered to be filed and entered in the minutes of the Grand Lodge.

Read a letter from Thos. Elfe, Master of No. 42, in Georgia, informing this Lodge of their having taken a warrant from the Grd. Lodge in Georgia.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16th, 1788.

The R. W. JON^a B. SMITH, D. Gr^d Master, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, 45, 40, and 22, represented.

The several Committees appointed by the different Lodges under this jurisdiction, to solicit subscriptions for building a house, for the purpose of Masonry, on the lot of ground given by Bro. Jos. Dean, are directed to return their subscription papers to the Grand Lodge Treasurer, agreeable to the first rule made on this occasion, and to pay such moneys as they may have received into the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to devise measures for erecting a building on the lot of ground given by Bro. Dean, whereupon Bros. Williams, McCree, Dean, and Few be a committee for that purpose.

[The Committee on Rules and Regulations made report, which was read, considered and adopted, and the Sec'y ordered to get 100 copies printed, to be paid for when the funds will admit. These Rules and Regulations appear to have been recommitted and not finally adopted until Dec. 29th, 1789.—*Lib. Com.*]

Grand Lodge.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, June 24th, 1788.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, D^y G. M., in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 5, 9, 21, 45, and 19, represented.

It was then moved and seconded that this Lodge go into the choice of a Tyler for the Grand Lodge, when Bro. Fred. Miller being proposed, he was unanimously elected.

It was then moved and seconded, that the Grand Tyler be allowed

15*s.* for every time that he shall attend the Grand Lodge, except in cases of processions, when it is expected he renders his services gratis.

The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to build, &c., are empowered to manage that business as to them shall appear fit.

It was moved and seconded, that this Lodge recommend to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, to elect their officers annually instead of half yearly as heretofore; after argument, the question being put, the same was negatived.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADA., Nov. 10th, 1788.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, D^y G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 12, 3, 8, 22, 19, 40, and 45, represented.

The R. W. D. G. Master mentioned from the chair, that the purpose of calling this meeting was to transmit by Bro. Bush, who is now about to go to England, a copy of the letter already ordered and sent to the Grand Lodge of England, also to communicate to the other Lodges in Europe such matters as might be proper.

And on motion and seconded, Ordered, that a duplicate of the letter to England be transmitted by Bro. Bush, and that the same be prepared by the Secretary, and further ordered that the R. W. G. Master communicate to the several Grand Lodges, which Bro. Bush may meet with in his travels, the existence of this Lodge, and that it is their wish to hold a brotherly and friendly correspondence and communication with them.

Quarterly Communication.

DEC. 15TH, 1788.

The R. W. J. B. SMITH, D^y G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 19, 22, 44, 40, and 45, represented.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to solicit a subscription of 40 or 50£. for the purpose of erecting a

temporary building on the lot of ground given by Bro. J. Dean, whereupon the following Brethren were appointed a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, viz., the R. W. D. G. Master, J. Dean, J. McCree, P. Wadman, J. Few, and Wm. Kidd.

Read a letter from the Grand Lodge, held at the Masons' Hall, in the City of Richmond, soliciting a correspondence with this Grand Lodge. Ordered, that the following brethren be a Committee to answer the same, viz., the R. W. D. G. M., John Vannost, and J. Bankson.

Read a letter from Lodge No. 14, in the Borough of Wilmington, soliciting a renewal of their warrant.

Ordered, That their request be complied with, leaving it to themselves to do what is most agreeable to them respecting arrears.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers, agreeable to the 6th Article of the By-laws, the Secretary having first declared to the Lodge that the present Grand Master had absolutely refused to continue in that office any longer, upon which several brethren being put in nomination, Bro. J. B. Smith was duly elected Grd. Master for the ensuing year. Several members being put up in nomination for D. G. Master, Bro. Geo. Ord was duly elected. Several brethren being then put up in nomination for S. G. W., Bro. Jos. Dean was duly elected. Several brethren then being put up in nomination for J. G. W., Bro. Jos. Few was duly elected. Several brethren then being put up in nomination for G. T., Bro. G. Hamilton was duly elected. Several brethren then being put up in nomination as Grd. Sec'y, Bro. Asheton Humphreys was duly elected.

Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, 1788.

The R. W. M., J. B. Smith, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 12, 22, 45, and 40, represented.

Read a letter from Lodge No. 12 at Winchester, in Virginia, accompanied with a minute of their proceedings and a remittance of £12 Virginia currency, which the Treasurer acknowledged to have received. The minutes were then referred to the Gr. T., Gr.

Sec'y, and Bro. McCree who, or any two of them, were appointed a committee to examine the same.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that the moneys subscribed and received for the purpose of erecting a temporary building on the lot of ground given by Bro. Jos. Dean, be immediately paid into the hands of the Grd. T., and Bro. Williams is desired to go on with the building.

The Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers, when the R. W. G. Master, the R. W. D. G. M., the Sen. G. W., and J. G. Warden, Treasurer and Secretary, were duly and severally installed to their respective offices; the R. W. G. Master then nominated Bro. Wm. Kidd to be S. G. D., and Bro. Wm. Williams, J. Gr. D., for the ensuing year.

After which the R. W. G. Master addressed the brethren from the chair, thanking them for the honor they had done him in appointing him Gd. Master, and soliciting their assistance in enabling him to discharge the weighty duties of his office.

Quarterly Communication.

March 30th, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. Mr., J. B. Smith, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 44, and 45, represented.

Read a letter* from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, inclosing minutes of their proceedings, whereupon, ordered, that Bros. Fox, Pennington, and McCree, or any two of them, be a committee to answer the said letter.

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* William Adcock, Esq.,
R. W. Grd Master of Penn.

Right Worshipful Sir and Bro.. In obedience to the commands of the R. W. Grd Lodge of the State of Maryland, convened at Talbot Town, in Talbot County, on Tuesday, the 16th of September last, I do myself the honor of communicating to your Right Worshipful Lodge the reasons of our separation from your body in Masonic government. When Societies, combined together under obligations and injunctions less sacred than those which cement the ancient craft, have dissolved the tie that holds them together, a decent respect to the opinion of the world has suggested the propriety of assigning the reasons that gave rise

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that Bro. Blaith. Jones had in his possession sundry books and papers belonging to the G. Lodge, which he was ready and desirous to deliver up, whereupon the G. Secretary was directed to apply to his executor, Anthony Morris, and endeavor to obtain the same.

Information being then given to the Lodge by Bro. Few that some property belonging to the Grand Lodge was in the hands of Daniel Smith, executor of the last will and testament of Mr. Shutte, deceased, whereupon the G. Treasurer was directed to apply for the same.

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to such a dissolution and separation. This principle among the ancient Society of Masons has a more powerful influence; for although separated from you in mere Masonic government, we must, from the grand Spirit of our Order, consider ourselves as a band of brethren toiling to effectuate the great ends of our institution. Our local and geographical situation, and the inconvenience of supporting a proper representation in your right Worshipful Lodge, first suggested the painful impression of our separating from that government under which we were first fostered. Charity, the beginning and the end of our Social union, from the great increase of our numbers, soon discovered objects numerous enough amongst us to exercise our Compassionate bounty. The Contributions necessary to support our own bodies, and those unfortunate brethren who presented themselves, as well from distant countries as from our own Societies, together with the annual and monthly demands on us to furnish the general funds, were greater than our particular circumstances would afford. In the consideration also of these reasons, we could not but view it as important to circulate what money might be collected among us in a country to which we owe our first duty.

But amid the painful sensation arising from such a resolution, we found some consolation in the very laudable example set before us by your R. W. Lodge in separating from our brethren in Europe; and we apprehend that some of the reasons that have governed us in our conduct have actuated you. Notwithstanding we have withdrawn from your Masonic guidance, I am commanded to assure you that we desire nothing more ardently than a mutual and reciprocal interchange of good offices and correspondence, and that from time to time you would communicate to us such new rules and regulations as may be adopted by your Lodge for their good government.

Such brotherly offices should be duly returned, and although we are assured that nothing suggested by us can enlighten your worshipful Lodge, we hope the brotherly affection with which we offer them will supply any deficiency in their utility.

I am, R. W. Sir and brother, with every sentiment of brotherly affection, on behalf of the G. L. of Maryland,

Your very obedient brother,

CHARLES GARDINER, G. Sec'y.

OCT. 5TH, 5788.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15th, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. Master, J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 9, 19, 22, and 45, represented.

Read a petition from several Brethren, late members of Lodge No. 2, praying a warrant, to be called No. 2, in the names of Praise Wadman, Master, Jacob Bankson, S. W., and Jno. Salsberry, J. W. Ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Grand Lodge.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, June 24th, 1789.

The R. W. G. M., JNO. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges 3, 5, 9, 19, 22, and 45, represented.

A Master Masons' Lodge opened in due form.

Bro. Praise Wadman was installed Master of Lodge No. 2; and Bro. John Salsberry was installed J. W. of the said Lodge, with the usual ceremonies.

Read a memorial from Arthur French, praying a recommendation from this Lodge to the Supreme Executive Council, to relieve him from confinement, upon which it appearing to the Lodge from the communications of several Brethren that the memorialist is not worthy of the attention of this Grand Lodge, his memorial was dismissed.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that Lodge 210, held in the City of New York, be informed of Arthur French's application to this Lodge, and of his conduct in this city, and that the certificate granted to him by Lodge No. 210 be transmitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge in New York.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28th, 1789.

The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 22, 39, and 45, represented.

Read a letter from Benjamin Street and others directed to Bro. Proctor, soliciting a warrant for holding a Lodge in Norfolk, in Virginia. The Lodge taking the same into consideration, it was their opinion that a Grand Lodge being established in Virginia, it was more proper for the applicants to apply for a warrant to that Grand Lodge, not wishing to interfere with the Jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge, and the applicants have leave to withdraw their application.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Committees of the Lodges of this city upon the propriety of renting a room for the purposes of Masonry. Ordered that the R. W. D. G. Master, the Treasurer, and Secretary be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to revise the certificates granted to brethren by this Grand Lodge, and make such alterations in the same as they may think proper.

On motion, seconded and thirded, Ordered, That on St. John's day next there be a procession of Masons in Masonic order in this city, and that Brothers Proctor, Humphreys, Whitehead, McCree, Duplessis, Rice, and Oswald, be a Committee to arrange, direct, and carry the same into effect.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14th, 1789.

The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15, 19, 22, and 45, represented.

Order of the Procession read, and an inquiry had whether in the first instance the consideration of the propriety of a procession shall be deferred for a further consideration; by a majority postponed. A second proposition was made, whether there shall be a procession or not, and it was determined by a majority that there shall not be a procession.

Upon the petition of Bro. Rutherford, in his complaint of Lodge No. 14, of Wilmington, in Newcastle county, in having furnished them with and loaned to them Jewels which they had not returned or made him any compensation for, directed that a citation issue from this Grand Lodge to the Master of Lodge No. 14, commanding him to appear at the next Quarterly Communication to answer the complaint of Brother Rutherford, and that a copy of said complaint accompany said citation.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Offiers for the ensuing year, when

Brother Jon^{n} Bayard Smith, Esq., was chosen Gr^{d} Master.

(The election of a D^{y} Gr^{d} M^{r} was postponed.)

"	Jo^{s} Few	was chosen	Sr Gr^{d} Warden.
"	W^{m} McIlvain,	"	J^{r} Gr^{d} Warden.
"	Gavin Hamilton,	"	G^{d} Treasurer.
"	Asheton Humphreys,	"	G^{d} Secretary.

The further election of G^{d} Officers was deferred until Friday evening, to which time this Lodge is adjourned.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 1789.

Present, the R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 15, 19, 25, and 45, represented.

Ordered, a letter from Brother Humphreys, Grand Secretary, to be read, whereupon, on motion and seconded, the resignation of said Brother Humphreys was accepted.

A petition from a number of brethren of Port au Prince, in the Island of St. Domingo, in the French West Indies, praying to be favored with a warrant from this Grand Lodge, was read, whereupon their request was unanimously granted, and the Secretary directed to make out one, No. 47.

On motion and seconded, this Lodge adjourned to Tuesday next, at 6 o'clock P.M., precisely.

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to a letter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland reported, and the answer being read

and approved, was ordered to be signed by the R. W. G. M., and transmitted.*

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* PHILADELPHIA, 18th December, 5789.

RT. WORSHIPFUL BROTHER: A series of little incidents, which it is unnecessary to enumerate, has hitherto prevented us from answering your Secretary's letter of the 5th of Oct. 1788, written by Command of your R. W. Lodge, in order to communicate to us their reasons for forming themselves into a Grd Lodge, and throwing off our Masonic government and jurisdiction.

These reasons we have considered with attention, and now beg leave through you to assure the R. W. G. Lodge of Maryland, that we feel all their force, are convinced of their solidity, and that therefore we entirely approve of their conduct, freely recognize their authority, and perfectly acquiesce in a separation which has been dictated both by reason and necessity. We should be exceedingly happy, Sir, to see those States in which Grd Lodges have not yet been formed, following the example of the State of Maryland, as we conceive it would be highly advantageous to the Subordinate Lodges in such States, to be placed more immediately under the superintending care of a Grd Lodge, which from the proximity of its situation would be better enabled to correct their errors, attend to their wants, and inspire them with the true spirit of our ancient institution.

The formation of a Grand Lodge in each State, whose jurisdiction should be circumscribed within the limits of its respective State, we apprehend would also diffuse a greater degree of energy, vigilance, and attention among the Subordinate Lodges, and greatly tend to the preservation of order and regularity throughout the whole fraternity of the Continent. And in order to promote as much as possible so beneficial a plan, it ought to be an inviolable rule among the present Grand Lodges, not to grant a warrant for any place within any State in which a Grd Lodge is already formed.

We accept with pleasure the offices of brotherly Communication and correspondence made to us by your R. W. Grd Lodge, and we shall endeavor on our part to cultivate with them that affectionate intercourse, that social harmony, which is the principal object of our ancient institution, and which ought to reign without interruption, not only between individuals, but also between the different bodies of the fraternity which are dispersed throughout the world.

The ties by which we are connected with each other cannot be drawn too close, and we apprehend that if a more intimate union of the different Grd Lodges within the United States could be accomplished, it would be attended with the most salutary effects. Our combined exertions would then enable us to display in a more conspicuous manner the benevolent spirit of our Order, the respectability of the Craft would be proportionably increased, and uniformity of discipline would pervade the Subordinate Lodges, and Masonry would shine with as great a degree of splendor in the Republics of America as ever it has done in the kingdoms of Europe. This might be effected by the meeting of a Grand Convention of delegates from the different Grd Lodges at proper periods; and we hope the time is not distant when some measure of this kind will be unanimously adopted.

In the meantime we shall shortly send you a Copy of our Rules and Regula-

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, December 21st, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. M., JON^a B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, and 45, represented.

M. Ewing, Grand Secretary, New Jersey, visitor.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that a copy of the minute relative to the application of sundry Brethren in Virginia, be transmitted by the G. Sec'y to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Bro. Geo. Ord was duly elected D. Grand Master.

The Lodge then went into an election for Grand Secretary for the ensuing year, when Bro. A. Humphreys was duly elected.

The Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment, and being called again to labor, on motion and seconded that the report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of revising the By-Laws, &c., be now considered. The Lodge taking the same into consideration, ordered on motion, and seconded, that the same be recommitted, and the Committee are then desired to report fully at the next meeting.

The R. W. G. Master informed the brethren he could not consistent with the duty he owes to the R. W. G. Lodge and to himself, continue any longer in that office, gave thanks for the honor conferred on him, and desired they would accept of his resignation, and proceed to the election of a new Grand Master.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, December 25th, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 12, 19, 45.

M. Ewing, Grand Secretary of New Jersey, visitor.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that agreeably to the resolve of the 18th inst., a warrant has been issued for holding a Lodge in the city of Port au Prince, in the Island of St. Domingo, in the French West Indies, in the name of Bro. Pierre Augustin

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tions, which we are about to get printed; and we beg you will please to return to us the warrants which we have issued to the Lodges now under your jurisdiction, which were formerly under ours. With sentiments, &c.

Signed by order and on behalf of the G. L. of Penna.

J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

Riquet Du Belloy, Master; Bro. Guisseppe Olivia, Sen. Warden, and Bro. Pierre Joseph Jullian, Jun. Warden. The said Lodge being No. 47, and called Union of Franco-American Hearts. That the said warrant had been forwarded with a dispensation to Bro. Laurent de la Place, Celestin Lefebére, and Louis Hammell, to install the said officers.

A letter from Bro. Humphreys, Grd. Secretary elect, expressing his wishes to resign the said office was read, and on motion and seconded, his resignation was accepted, and the Lodge having proceeded to the election of a Grand Secretary, Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis was duly elected.

On motion and seconded, Unanimously ordered that the thanks of this Gd. Lodge be given to Bro. Asheton Humphreys, late Grd. Secretary, for his long, faithful, and able discharge of the duty of that office.

The R. W. G. Master expressed his desire this Lodge would accept of his resignation and proceed to an election of a Gd Master, whereupon this Lodge is adjourned to Monday next, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of chusing a Gd Master and installing the new Gd Officers.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28th, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. M., JNO. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, 45.

M. Ewing, Grd Secretary of New Jersey, visitor.

The R. W. G. Master presented a letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, enclosing resolutions of the said Grd Lodge for the purpose of establishing a correspondence, &c. On motion and seconded, Bro. Hamilton, McCrea, and P. Le Barbier Du Plessis, were chosen a Committee to answer the said Letter.

A Petition was read from a number of Brethren of Bedford County, praying this R. W. Grd Lodge would please to grant them a warrant to constitute them a Lodge at Bedford, &c.; whereupon, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grd Secretary ordered to make out the said warrant No. 48.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29th, 1789.

Present: The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, and 45, represented.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the By-Laws, and the same having been read by paragraphs, and such amendments and alterations made as were found proper, on motion and seconded the same were adopted, and are as follows:

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall consist of the present Grand Officers for the time being, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens, and of the present Masters and Wardens, and the Past Masters of all Lodges under the jurisdiction thereof; but no person shall be a member of this Grand Lodge longer than he continues to be a member of some Lodge under its jurisdiction.

II. The Grand Lodge shall have four Communications in every year, which shall be on the first Monday in March, June, September, and December, forever (the meetings from September till March shall be at six, and from March till September at seven o'clock in the evening), and the different Lodges are to attend on these days by their proper Officers or Deputies, with or without notice for that purpose. Nevertheless the Grand Secretary shall cause public notice to be given in one or more of the public newspapers in the City of Philadelphia, on the two Mondays preceding, and on that of the meeting of each Communication, and shall send summonses to all the members in or within three miles of the place of such meeting.

III. Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, or within three miles of it, shall be represented in Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication by their Masters and Wardens, or either of them, but any distant Lodge may be represented by a proxy. None but a Master Mason, who has passed the chair in some regular Lodge, can be admitted as the proxy of any Lodge, and his commission as proxy must be under the seal of the Lodge that appoints him, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary.

IV. No member of this Grand Lodge, as such, shall be subject to the payment of dues or fines.

V. A majority of the members present shall determine every question, and the Brother in the chair shall have the casting vote. If any one Lodge request the vote to be taken by ballot, it shall be so taken. No vote shall be reconsidered by a smaller number of Lodges than were present when the vote passed, nor on the same day the motion to reconsider is made. No vote shall be passed at an extra Lodge in which a distant Lodge is particularly interested, without previous notice to that Lodge or their proxy; and if said proxy request it (unless in cases which two-thirds of the Lodges present shall judge to be too urgent to admit of delay), the decision shall be referred to the next Communication.

VI. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the Communication next before the feast of St. John the Evangelist in every year, and if any two or more shall have an equal number of votes in their favor for any of the offices aforesaid, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken which shall be confined to the persons who on the first ballot shall have had an equal number, and if the ballots should again be equal between two or more persons for any of the offices aforesaid, then the election for the said office shall be determined by lot between those who shall have equal numbers.

VII. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer so chosen shall be installed in their respective offices on the said St. John the Evangelist's Day; and after such installment the Grand Master shall appoint his Grand Deacons, Grand Chaplain, Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler; but no brother shall be appointed to any of the before mentioned offices (except Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler) who has not passed the chair of some regular Lodge under this or some other ancient jurisdiction, to be made known by proper vouchers.

VIII. No Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but the immediate members thereof, viz.: The four present and all former Grand Officers, the Secretary and Treasurer, the Masters,

Wardens, Past Masters, and proxies of all regular Lodges, except a Brother who is a petitioner or witness in some case, or one called in by motion.

IX. The jewels to be worn by the Grand Officers shall be of gold, pendant to a collar of riband, and the aprons shall be edged with riband and silk fringe; the riband and fringe for the Grand Master shall be of purple, and blue for the other Grand Officers; the jewels of private Lodges shall be of silver, and the riband blue. No brother shall appear in Grand Lodge without the jewel of his office; Past Masters shall wear theirs.

X. When a sufficient number of Lodges are represented to form a Grand Lodge, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or other presiding officer has taken the chair, and has given due notice, the brethren shall take their seats, the representative of each Lodge agreeably to their seniority, seating themselves by each other, No. 2 taking the left hand of the Grand Master, No. 3 taking the left of No. 2, and so on until all Lodges present are seated.

XI. Every question moved and seconded shall be put by the Chair; and no new matter shall be brought forward until that on hand shall be first decided upon. No brother shall speak more than twice to the same question, unless with leave of the Chair, or to explain himself. The Chair shall determine all questions of order.

XII. No brother shall be permitted to enter into the Lodge room after the Lodge is opened unless he is properly clothed, and until his name and quality are announced by the Grand Pursuivant, and leave given by the Grand Master or other presiding officer.

XIII. There shall be a Standing Committee of Charity, which shall consist of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, and of which the Masters of the respective Lodges in the City of Philadelphia, for the time being, shall always be a part, a majority of whom shall be authorized to do business. The duty of this Committee shall be to meet in the City of Philadelphia at least once in every month, or oftener if they shall see necessary, and receive such applications as may be presented from distressed brethren, their widows or orphans, and afford them such relief as the circumstances of the fund will allow, and the situation of the applicants shall call for; and the Grand Treasurer shall pay all the

orders of the said Committee duly signed by the presiding officer, and countersigned by the Secretary, charging the Charity Fund therewith, and the said Committee shall keep minutes of their proceedings, which shall be read before the Grand Lodge at every Communication.

XIV. At the close of every year there shall be a committee appointed to examine and settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts, who shall report at the Quarterly Communication in March next following.

XV. Every member of a constituted Lodge under this Grand Lodge shall pay one shilling quarterly to the Charity Fund of the same.

XVI. Every person who obtains the benefit of Masonry in any regular Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay five shillings to the Charity Fund of the same; all which dues shall be made good by every particular Lodge to the Grand Lodge at least once a year, at either of the Communications before St. John the Evangelist's Day.

XVII. Every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall on or before the next St. John's Day, transmit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of all their members, with the time of their having been initiated or admitted members, and a copy of their By-Laws, and on every St. John the Evangelist's Day following a list of their initiations, admissions, passings, raisings, deaths, rejections of candidates, expulsions of members, together with a copy of such alterations or additions as shall have been made to their By-Laws since the last copy may have been so transmitted, and a return of their last election.

XVIII. No new warrant shall be granted but upon petition of at least five, and the recommendation of at least three known and approved Master Masons, nor shall a new warrant be granted to any number of Masons residing within five miles of the place of meeting mentioned in the warrant of an established Lodge, and who are members of the said Lodge, without the consent of such Lodge, signified under the seal thereof. Every warrant shall be accompanied with a copy of the Constitutions and By-Laws, also with a list of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meetings.

	£	s.	d.
Every Lodge shall pay for a warrant before delivered, the sum of	12	0	0
For every dispensation, ...	1	10	0
For every certificate, ...	0	7	6

which several sums shall go to the Contingent Fund, out of which shall be paid the expenses of the Grand Lodge.

XIX. The Grand Secretary may appoint his Deputy subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge. He shall have the care of the archives. He shall keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge after they are entered to all those Grand Officers who were present at the passing of the same, to be by each of them signed. He shall keep a register for the particular purpose of entering all warrants, dispensations, certificates, the names of every member of each Lodge, and the return from the several Lodges. He shall furnish the first named person on every committee, as soon as possible, with a copy of the minutes and papers with respect to the business of such committee, for which he shall take a receipt, and the person so first named shall call the committee together, and be answerable for the papers, which he shall return with the report.

The fees of the Grand Secretary shall be,

	£	s.	d.
For making out and recording each warrant, . .	1	2	6
For making out and recording each dispensation, .	0	15	0
For each certificate, ...	0	7	6
For registering every brother in Grand Lodge books,	0	1	0

XX. All appeals from any private Lodge shall be made in writing, and left with the Grand Secretary, and the appellant shall give the other party notice thereof in time, otherwise the Grand Lodge shall not proceed. And all appeals, letters, etc., shall be read in Grand Lodge, but first handed to the Chair.

XXI. The Grand Master, with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary, shall annually go round and visit all the Lodges under his jurisdiction, or when this duty becomes impracticable, he shall, as often as necessary, appoint visitors of different districts, composed of his Grand Officers or such other brethren as he may think proper, who shall faithfully report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to instructions given them.

XXII. No brother shall have a certificate unless he is going abroad, nor until all dues are certified by the Secretary of his own Lodge to be paid, nor without a recommendation of the said Lodge, under the seal thereof, signed by the Master and Wardens, and countersigned by the Secretary, and all certificates shall be signed by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

XXIII. Whenever the Grand Master or presiding officer rises from his chair, all debates shall cease, and there shall be a strict silence. Any members excluded the Grand Communication shall also be excluded every Lodge under the jurisdiction until restored by the Grand Lodge. Of this the Grand Secretary shall notify every Lodge.

XXIV. There shall be a Committee of Correspondence appointed at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year, whose duties and powers shall be ascertained at the time of their appointment.

XXV. There shall be no processions but with the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the Communication next preceding the feast of St. John, when the same is to take place. And no funeral processions shall be had without an application to the Grand Master, or Senior Grand Officer present, made by the Master or Wardens of such Lodge as the deceased brother did belong to, or by five brethren, if the deceased brother was a stranger and did not belong to any Lodge, nor without the consent of the Grand Master, or in his absence of his Deputy, and the two Grand Wardens, if both present.

XXVI. Upon the demise of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of said Lodge shall within three months afterwards surrender to the Grand Secretary the books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture of said Lodge; nor shall any member of said demised Lodge be elected into any other Lodge till he shall have paid all arrears due from him to said Lodge to the Grand Treasurer.

XXVII. If in the Grand Lodge any member is twice called to order at any one assembly for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offence of the same nature, the Chair shall peremptorily order him to quit the Lodge room for that night, and such excluded brother shall be afterwards dealt with as is set forth in the twenty-third regulation.

XXVIII. No matter or thing contained in these rules shall affect, vitiate, or annul the ancient landmarks, nor make void the established rules, customs, and usages of this Grand Lodge, as are set forth in section ten and eleven of chap. third of the late abridgement of Ahiman Rezon, published at the request of this Grand Lodge, the twenty-second day of November, 1781, unless the same is hereby explicitly changed, altered, and repealed.

Adjourned Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, January 4th, 1790.

Present, the R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 19, and 45, represented.

The Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Master, when the R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., was unanimously re-elected, and by the Grand Secretary thrice proclaimed aloud Grand Master of Masons for the State of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

And he was pleased to instal the R. W. Geo. Ord, Deputy Grand Master. Bro. Joseph Few was installed to the office of Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, Grand Secretary.

The R. W. G. Master then proceeded to the installation of Bro. James Martin, Master named in the warrant lately granted for holding a Lodge in the town of Bedford, when the Rev. Bro. William Smith, Doctor of Divinity, opened the business by a prayer suitable to the occasion, and the said Bro. Martin being installed, the Grand Secretary proclaimed the said Lodge duly constituted No. 48.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that Bro. Grand Pursuivant shall, in future, be allowed the sum of fifteen shillings for his attendance at every stated meeting, and seven shillings and sixpence for every Lodge of Emergency, and that he will be paid for his past services at the same rate.

Bro. Grand Secretary, with the consent and approbation of the

Lodge, nominated Brother Benjamin Mason, Deputy Grand Secretary.

Signed,

J. B. SMITH, G. Mr.
GEORGE ORD, Dy G. Mast.
JOSEPH FEW, S. G. W.
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, G. Sec.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1st, 1790.

Present, the R. W. G. M., JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 25, 33, 45, 48, represented.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of Georgia in answer to one from this Grand Lodge of the 2d November, 1788, &c., together with a list of their officers, their regulations, and an impression of their seal, were presented by the R. W. G. Master, and the same being read, it was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A petition from a number of Brethren, in the town of Washington, accompanied with a letter from the Master of Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh, was read, and on motion and seconded, the same was ordered to lie on the table.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to nominate and appoint

Bro. McCree, Sr. G. Deacon.
" Wm. Williams, Jr. G. Deacon.
" John Andrews, D.D., G. Chaplain.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master read a paragraph of a letter concerning the Lodge No. 18, at Dover.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that a former resolve of this Grand Lodge concerning the renewal of Warrants be suspended in respect to that Lodge.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 5790.*

Present, the R. W. G. M., JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 45, and 47, represented.

Visiting Brethren, Benj. Street, from Norfolk, in Virginia, R. Arch Mason.

A letter was read from the R. W. James Jackson, inclosing two resolves of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia; whereupon, after argument, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the continent, as proposed by the R. W. G. Lodge of Georgia, is inexpedient and appears impracticable; but that a convention of deputies from the several Grand Lodges within the United States for the purpose of forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and permanent intercourse betwixt the said Grand Lodges, would be highly advantageous to the Fraternity, and that this Grand Lodge will appoint deputies to such convention for the aforesaid purposes.†

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the R. W. G. Master be requested to write to the R. W. James Jackson, and inclose him a copy of this resolution.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the W^l^ Bro^s^ Jo^s^ Few, Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, and John McCree, be a Committee to write a letter to the several Grand Lodges in the United States of

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* The following advertisement appears in Dunlap & Claypoole's *Advertiser* of May 25th, 1790:

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22d, 1790.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held on Monday, the 7th of June, at 7 P.M., at their Lodge Room in Vidal's Alley,[1] at which time and place the Officers of the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction are requested punctually to attend,

By Order of the R. W. Grand Master,

P. LE BARBIER DU PLESSIS, Grand Sec.

† Photo. copy.

[1] Vidal's Alley runs west from Second Street, about eighty feet south of Chestnut.

America, inclosing a copy of the resolve passed this day, and assigning the reasons upon which it is founded. The letter to be submitted to the inspection of the R. W. G. Master.

A petition was received from the Master and other members of Lodge No. 47, at Reading, praying leave to remove said Lodge from Reading to Churchtown, in the County of Lancaster.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That their warrant be renewed to meet at Churchtown aforesaid, or within five miles of it; the said Lodge to be hereafter called No. 46.

Brother Benjamin Street having renewed his application for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, and given his reasons for so doing, on motion and seconded, Ordered, that the same shall lie over till the next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee on the Seal and Certificate presented a seal agreeably to their appointment, and the same was unanimously adopted, to be henceforth the Grand Seal of this Grand Lodge. The s^d^ Committee reported also that the plate for certificates was in forwardness.

Bro. Grand Secretary reported that he had received from Bro. Matthew Carey, printer, 1000 copies of the new Regulations, and that agreeably to the directions of the R. W. G. Master, he had forwarded four copies to the several Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this G. Lodge, and six to each Grd. Lodge.

Extra Communication.

PHILADA., Aug. 16th, 5790.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 19, 22, 31, 41, 47, and 48, represented.

The R. W. G^d^ Master mentioned that he had thought proper to call this meeting on the subject of taking a more convenient place to meet in than the present one.

On motion and seconded, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the room over the Free Quakers' Meeting House, the corner of Arch and Fifth Sts., shall be taken for the purposes of Masonry.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bros. Delany, Cochran, and McCree be a Committee to carry the aforegoing resolve into execution, and that the same Committee be authorized to confer with the Committees of the other Lodges, who have appointed or may appoint any, and in case of non-concurrence of the said Lodges or any of them, to take the same for the use of this Grand Lodge and other such Lodges who may concur with them therein.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADA., Sept. 6th, 1790.

Present, the R. W., J. B. SMITH, G. M., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 19, 22, 25, 31, 41, 45, 47, and 48, represented.

The Committee of Correspondence presented a letter from the Committee of Correspondence of the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, inclosing several resolves of the said G. Lodge, and a letter concerning Modern Masons, and the same being read, on motion and seconded, the letter concerning Modern Masons was committed to Bros. Wadman, Humphreys, and McCree, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and the other papers were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Committee appointed to write to the several Grand Lodges, reported they had complied with their duty and were discharged.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that the application of Bro. Street shall lie over till next Quarterly Communication. On motion and seconded, Bros. Few, Bankson, and McCree were appointed a Committee to inquire and receive information about the said application.

The Committee appointed to procure a new plate for certificates presented the impression of one, which was unanimously approved and adopted.

The Committee appointed to take the room over the Free Quakers' Meeting House, reported that the same had been taken for nine years from the 23d day of ——, and that the several Lodges had agreed by their Committees (excepted No. 9) to pay their respective shares of the rent, which is seventy-five pounds per annum, and of

the expenses of moving and fitting up the said room: the Grand Lodge to pay no proportion at all.

On motion and seconded, that the petition of Bro. Col. Wm. Dean and others, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Moreland Township, in Montgomery County, shall be granted, and the Grand Secretary is directed to make out the same, No. 49, in the names of Wm. Dean, M^{r}; William Bennet, Sr W., and Abraham Duffield, J^{r} W^{n}.

A petition was read from a number of brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, to be called No. 13.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, but the said Lodge shall be called No. —, and the Gr. Secretary is directed to make out the warrant accordingly.

Bro. Gavin, Master of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, having attended agreeably to the summons of this Grand Lodge, in consequence of a former resolve to answer the complaint made by Bro. Alexander Rutherford, concerning some jewels by him lent about twenty years ago to Lodge No. 14, and WHEREAS, after having heard the respective parties, it has appeared that the said jewels were lent to a Lodge now extinct, and that the present Lodge No. 14 have received no benefit of the said jewels, and have no property belonging to the said extinct Lodge, *Resolved*, That the said Present Lodge No. 14 are not answerable for the claim made to them by Bro. Rutherford.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADA., Dec. 6th, 1790.

The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 45, 47, and 48, represented.

Bro. Grand Secretary presented a lottery ticket he had received from Lodge No. 9, viz., No. 14762, and another one from Lodge No. 19, viz., 4759, both voted and presented for the use of this G. Lodge.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the same were accepted, and the thanks of this R. W. Gr^d Lodge voted to the two Lodges.

A letter was received from Bro. Wm. White, Sec'y to the R. W. G. L. of England, whereupon, on motion and seconded, the R. W. G. Master, Bros. Dr. Wm. Smith, McCree, Vanden Brock, and Few were appointed a Committee to consider the said letter, prepare an answer, and report at the next communication.

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey made report, which, being read, on motion and seconded, the consideration of the same was postponed.

The Committee on Bro. Street's application for a warrant from this G. Lodge presented a letter from Bro. James Harper, Master of Lodge No. 41, which was read, whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said application was dismissed.

A petition was read from a number of brethren, Master Masons, praying for a warrant to hold a lodge at the Sign of the White Horse, in East Whiteland, in the County of Chester, or at any other place within five miles of it. On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the G. Secretary directed to make out the warrant in the names of Bro. John Smith, Master, John Bartholomew, Senior Warden, and John Christie, Junior Warden, No. 50.

Whereas representation has been made by the representatives of Lodge No. 19 that Richard Hunt, a Master Mason, formerly of Lodge No. 4, had applied to be received as a member of that Lodge, and when upon being balloted for, at his own request, and there appearing five black balls against his admission, he the said Richard Hunt came into the Lodge, and behaved himself in a very indecent and unbecoming manner, by insulting the dignity of this Grand Lodge by a demeanor of that nature to a Lodge under our jurisdiction.

Whereupon Bro. Hunt being present, voluntarily acknowledged his error, and submitted himself to the censure of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the acknowledgment of Bro. Hunt be accepted, and he be recommended for the future to behave in a more Masonic manner.

This being the day appointed by the By-Laws for the election of Gr^d Officers for the ensuing year, the Lodge proceeded to the ballot,

when the following Brethren were duly elected to their several offices, viz.:

The R. W.	Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq.,	G. Master.
"	Joseph Few,	D^y G^d Master.
"	Thos. Proctor, Esq.,	Sr G^d Warden.
"	Gavin Hamilton,	J^r " "
"	Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq.,	Gr^d Sec^y.
"	Benjamin Mason,	Gr^d Treas.

Bro. —— Burn having made a present of two marble pedestals to this R. W. G. Lodge, on motion and seconded, unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to our said Bro. —— Burn, and he be presented with a Constitution book by the G. Sec'y, bound in red morocco, as a token of the regard of this R. W. G. Lodge.

Special Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, December 7th, 1790.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G^d Master, in the chair.

A Grand Lodge opened in ample form. The R. W. Grand Master informed the brethren that the purpose of this meeting was to install the officers of Lodge No. 50, to whom a warrant was granted at the last Quarterly Communication, and all the brethren who had not passed the chair having been requested to withdraw, the R. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Vanden Brock and Few to examine Bro. John Smith, mentioned in the warrant, the Master of the said Lodge No. 50, who reported that upon due examination they had found the said Bro. Smith possessed of all skill, ability, and other requisite qualities to preside over a Lodge, and introduced him as such; whereupon the R. W. G. Master installed the said Bro. John Smith, Master of said Lodge No. 50, according to ancient forms, and he was proclaimed as such, and the said Lodge duly constituted, when the new installed Master, in behalf of the brethren of his Lodge, returned thanks for the honor conferred on them.

Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1790.

Present: The R. W., J. B. Smith, G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 43, 45, 47, and 50, represented.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge, Bro. R. J. Vanden Brock delivered an oration suitable to the grand occasion, after which, by and with the consent of the R. W. Grand Master, he opened a Master Masons' Lodge with the usual ceremonies, and the minutes of the last Grand Communication being read as to the election of Grand Officers, said Bro. Vanden Brock addressed the R. W. Grand Master, invested him with the badge of his office, and introduced him to the chair, and the Grand Secretary, according to ancient form, thrice proclaimed the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, when the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to direct Bro. Vanden Brock to install the Grand Officers, and

The R. W. Joseph Few was duly installed Deputy G. Master, Thomas Proctor, Esq., Senior Grd. Warden, Gavin Hamilton, Junior Grd. Warden, Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., Grd. Sec'y, and Benjamin Mason, Grd. Treasurer.

And Bro. Grand Secretary having proposed Bro. Andrew G. Fraunces to be his Deputy, he was unanimously approved of. The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Bro. John McCree S. G. Deacon, William Williams J. G. Deacon, R. J. Vanden Brock and John Carson Masters of Ceremonies, R^{d} D^{r}. Andrews Gr^{d} Chaplain, Bro. Walter Corry Gr^{d} Pursuivant, and Fredrich Miller Gr^{d} Tyler.

On motion and seconded, the appointment of a Bro. Grand Orator was postponed.

A letter was read from Bro. Etting, directed to the R. W. Grd. Master, praying a dispensation to pass several Brethren to the chair, which was referred to the R. W. G. Master.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the bills of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler shall be paid by Brother Treasurer.

Brother Service, who had been deputized by the R. W. G. Master

to visit Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, in Virginia, reported that he had complied with his appointment, and found the brethren in the greatest harmony and union, that the said Lodge consists of eighteen very respectable members, and he presented a copy of their minutes of November 8th last, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the brethren that Bro. Grand Secretary had presented this Grand Lodge with two lights and a hanger, which were used at the taking of the Bastile in France; whereupon, on motion and seconded, the same were accepted, and the thanks of the G. Lodge given to said Brother.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th, 1791.

Present: The R. W., J. B. SMITH, Grand Master, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 11, 14, 19, 22, 25, 41, 45, 47, and 50.

A return of the officers and members of Lodge No. 11, nine in number, was received and ordered to be filed. Bro. Richard McGuffin, Master of the said Lodge, presented their ancient warrant, and prayed the same might be renewed, which was granted.

Bro. Mason called for the reading of the report of the Committee on the Letter from the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey concerning Modern Masons, and the same having been read,

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the said report lie on the table, and that the G. Committee on Correspondence be directed to write to the R. W. G. Lodge of New Jersey, informing them of the wish of this R. W. G. Lodge to see Modern and Ancient Masons united, but that they are of opinion that the same should be submitted to a Grand Convention, which it is hoped will soon take place.

The Proceedings of the G. Committee of Charity on the 15th day of January last, were read and approved, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, January 15th, 1791.

Grand Committee of Charity.

Present: The R. W. G. Master, J. B. SMITH, in the chair.
THOS. PROCTOR, S. G. W.
BENJAMIN MASON, G. Treas.
JOHN CARSON, MR. No. 3.
WM. WILLIAMS, MR. No. 9.
JACOB BANKSON, MR. No. 2.
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, G. Secr'y.

The Committee being informed of the decease of our late Brother Alexander Rutherford,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bros. Proctor, Hamilton, Williams, Crozier, and Bankson, or any three of them, be a committee to make such arrangements as they may deem proper, to have the body of our said late Brother Rutherford buried in a decent manner, and that the expenses thereof shall be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

A petition was read from Bro. Peter Ball, a late member of Lodges No. 212, held in New York, and No. 11, in the City of Albany, praying assistance, the same being duly considered and some information received concerning said Peter Ball,

On motion and seconded, the said petition was dismissed, and his papers and certificates were delivered to Bro. G^d Treasurer, who is to return them.

Another petition was read from Bro. Robert Cowan, a late member of Lodge No. 543, praying also assistance; the same being duly considered,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, provided the said Robert Cowan is within the notice of this committee, and Bros. Carson and Williams were appointed a committee to make the necessary inquiries and to afford him assistance as they may deem proper.

On motion and seconded, the applications of Widow Bell, Mrs. Fullerton, and Widow Boyle were referred to Bro. G. Secretary and Wm. Williams, No. 9, who are authorized to afford them some assistance.

By order of the Committee.

Signed, P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
Secr'y.

Special Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11th, 1791.

R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 22, 41, 45, 47, and 50, represented.

The Committees of the several Lodges presented a statement, accompanied with the proper vouchers, of the expenses attending the moving and fitting up the present Lodge Room, amounting together to £65. 11. 10, which, divided between the Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, and the Royal Arch Lodge, makes thirty-five dollars for each, and requested that this R. W. G. Lodge would please to recommend to the aforesaid Lodges to make an immediate payment of their several proportions.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the before-mentioned Lodges to comply with the request of the Committee in paying their proportions into the hands of Bro. Joseph Few, who is directed to receive and apply the same to the payment of the several Bills.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bro. Few and Col. Wm. Williams be directed and hereby impowered to call upon Bro. James Pickering, formerly a member of Lodge No. 4, vacated, and demand from him a large Masonic bowl, late the property of Lodge No. 4, but by the extinction of that Body, is now vested in this G. Lodge, and in case of refusal they are requested to make report at the next communication.

A Petition was presented from a number of Master Masons, duly recommended agreeably to the new regulations, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Secretary is directed to make out the warrant No. 51, in the names of Richard Wistar, Master, Robert Crozier, Senior Warden, and George Westcott, Junior Warden.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6th, 1791.

Present: R. W. G. Master, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 41, 45, 46, 47, and 50, represented.

Bro. Grand Secretary, the representative of Lodge No. 47, held at Port au Prince, informed the R. W. G. Lodge that by a letter bearing date May 15th last, from the said Lodge, he was directed to present the R. W. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania with several papers written in the French language, such as extracts from their minutes and resolves, letters, blanks of their certificates as well for actual as honorary members, a list of their officers and members printed on white satin, &c., and presented the same accordingly, when,

On motion and seconded, the same were referred to Bros. Vanden Brock and McCree, who are to examine them and report thereon.

The Committee appointed to call on Bro. James Pickering for the Masonic Bowl belonging to the late Lodge No. 4, reported that they had called on him and he refused to comply with their request, whereupon, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, That said Bro. Jas. Pickering be excluded from every Masonic communication until he returns the said bowl.

And Bro. Grand Secretary was directed to furnish Bro. Few with a copy of the aforegoing Resolution, who is to deliver the same to Brother James Pickering.

Bro. Grand Treasurer informed the Lodge he had received Six Dollars and Eighty cents for the Lottery ticket presented by Lodge No. 9, to wit, No. 14762, and that No. 4759, presented by Lodge No. 19, and No. 7230, presented by Lodge No. 3, were drawn blank.

The Committee appointed to consider and prepare an answer to the letter from Bro. Grand Secretary of England, presented an answer which was read and approved, and the same committee were requested to procure a fair copy of it, that it may be signed by the Grand Secretary and forwarded.

On motion and seconded, Brother Gr^d Treas. is authorized to purchase one or two tickets in Massachusetts Semi-Annual Lottery for the use of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had before him a complaint, in the French language, from Peter Le Gaux,

containing several charges against Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary to this Grand Lodge, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, Bros. Vanden Brock, Mason, Humphreys, Fox, and Ball, or any three of them, were appointed a committee to consider the said complaint, investigate the facts set forth therein, and report as soon as possible. The said complaint, together with a translation in English, were at the request of Bro. Duplessis delivered to Bro. Vanden Brock.

St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24th, 1791.

Present: The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 15, 19, 25, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, and 43 represented.

The Committee appointed at the last Grand Communication to consider the several charges in Peter Le Gaux's complaint against Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary to this Grand Lodge, made report, which was read as follows (to wit):

"We the subscribers being appointed a committee to examine into sundry charges exhibited by Peter Le Gaux to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, against Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Secretary to the said R. W. Grand Lodge, do report that in pursuance of the said appointment we have examined the proofs of the said Peter Le Gaux in support of the said charges, also proofs exhibited by the said Peter Le Barbier Duplessis in his defence against the same, and it appearing from the declarations of the said Peter Le Gaux upon his cross-examination that these charges were exhibited by him against the said Peter Le Barbier Duplessis for the express purpose of injuring his reputation with the Grand Lodge, and destroying the credibility of the said Peter Le Barbier Duplessis as a witness in a cause depending between Samuel Merian and him, the said Peter Le Gaux, we cannot but remark that after such a declaration, even if the charges were well supported, it would be improper in the Grand Lodge to pass any censure tending to destroy the credibility of a witness in a Court of Justice, but on the contrary, from the examination we have had upon this disagreeable business, we feel our-

selves happy in declaring that none of the charges have been supported by any credible testimony, and giving it as our opinion to your R. W. Grand Lodge, that these charges ought to be dismissed as scandalous and malicious, being meant and intended not for the benefit of Masonry, but for the express purpose of answering base and sinister purposes, and should therefore by order of the R. W. Grand Lodge be erased from their minutes."

ASHETON HUMPHREYS, R. J. VANDEN BROCK,
R. W. BALL, EDWARD FOX,
BEN. MASON.

PHILADELPHIA, June 14th, 1791.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said report was unanimously adopted, and ordered, that Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis shall be furnished by Brother Deputy G^d Secretary with a copy of the same and of this resolve to make such use of them as he may see fit, and that a like copy be also furnished to Peter Le Gaux if required.

On motion and seconded, Ordered, that the Gd. Committee of Correspondence write a letter of condolence to Lodge No. 47 on the death of our late worthy brother Augustus Riquet, their late Past Master and founder.

On motion and seconded, Ordered that the Masters, Wardens, and last Past Masters of all Lodges held in this city be a Committee to inquire into the state of Masonry in Pennsylvania, and to report as soon as possible.

On motion and seconded, Bros. Le Barbier Duplessis, Hamilton, Town, Fox, and Cochran were appointed a Committee to assist Bro. G^d Treasurer in ascertaining what property belongs to this R. W. G^d Lodge, and where it is, and to report at the next Grand Communication if possible.

Grand Lodge, Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 5th, 5791.

Present: The R. W. G. M., J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 25, 41, 22, 45, 46, 47, 50, and 12, represented.

A memorial was read from several members of Lodge No. 19,

praying, for the reasons therein mentioned, this R. W. G. Lodge would inquire into the causes of differences lately arisen in that Lodge;

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, Bros. Carson, Fox, McCree, Williams, Humphries, Wadman, and McIlvaine were appointed a Committee to inquire into those difficulties and report as soon as possible; and the same Committee were authorized to request the Master of Lodge No. 19 to call the said Lodge together at such time as they may appoint.

Bro. Few reported he had delivered to Bro. James Pickering a copy of the resolve passed at the last Quarterly Communication, and requested the return of the Masonic bowl, which he still refused.

Ordered, That Bro. Grand Secretary transmit to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction a copy of the aforementioned resolve.

On motion and seconded, the Committee appointed on St. John's day to inquire into the state of Masonry, etc., were discharged, and their duties, power, and authorities vested in the Committee appointed this day on the memorial of the members of Lodge No. 19.

Bro. G^d Secretary, the representative of Lodge No. 47, informed the Lodge that he had received several papers of the greatest importance from the said Lodge, and desired a special Committee should be appointed to consider them.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the Committee heretofore appointed to consider some communications from said Lodge were discharged, and all papers relative to them were referred to Bros. Mason and McCree.

On motion and seconded, Bros. Ball, Poor, and Crozier were appointed a Committee to examine the present Bros. Secretary and Treasurer's accounts, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion and seconded, Bros. Poor and Ball were appointed a Committee to join the Committees of the other Lodges to see that this room is kept in good order.

Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13th, 5791.

Present, the R. W. Grand Master, J. B. SMITH, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 46, 45, 50, and 25, represented.

Bro. Rogers was refused admittance (from No. 19).

The R. W. Grand Master mentioned the immediate purpose of his calling this R. W. Grand Lodge was to receive the report of the Committee to whom was referred the several communications and papers from Lodge No. 47—the Union of Franco-American Hearts—held at Port-au-Prince and to take order thereon, and the said Committee reported as follows:

That in pursuance of their appointment they have examined the said communications, and are happy to find that the brethren of the said Lodge have so eminently shown their zeal for the Royal Art, and manifested their readiness to perform the duties which are dictated by our honorable institution, especially by giving assistance to brethren in distress, faithfully complying with every Ancient Rule and Regulation known to them, and soliciting further instructions from your R. W. G. Lodge, and also by adopting such regulations as were necessary for their internal government.

Your Committee observe with regret that information is given of the death of the first Master and founder of Lodge No. 47, Bro. P. Augustine Riquet du Belloy, whose Masonic abilities had endeared him to the brethren of his Lodge, and whose unremitted exertions for the advancement, honor, and respectability of Masonry created that desire to pay a joint tribute to his memory among his brethren that the praiseworthy and the meritorious so justly claim. The communications referred to your Committee further mention that the unsettled state of the political affairs of the island of Hispaniola, and the unhappy divisions which have in consequence so generally prevailed in that government, they have not disturbed or prevented the continuance of their Masonic meetings, nor obstructed the business of the craft; that, through their representative, Bro. Duplessis, your Grand Secretary, they have presented a list of their members, printed on white satin; that they propose to forward the sum due for their warrant, etc., as soon as a safe opportunity presents; that they profess the greatest submission and obedience to all orders and

communications from your R. W. G. Lodge, and express a desire of having frequent information on such heads as will be beneficial to them, or at least serve to prove that they are not unworthy of your fellowship and brotherly esteem.

Your Committee had before them the memorial respecting Bros La Fosse and Biraud, but as no papers are received from either Bro. La Fosse or Bro. Biraud, your Committee cannot give any opinion on the subject; they therefore hope that a reconciliation has taken place, and everything has been settled in a brotherly and Masonic manner.

Your Committee therefore proposes to offer the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Lodge do approve of the proceedings of Lodge No. 47 to the 24th of June last, when some differences happened. That they join in sympathy with the Brethren of the said Lodge in the death of their late worthy Brother Peter A. Riquet du Belloy, their founder, and their first Master, and that they approve of the manner used in paying that honor to his memory which his Lodge conceived expedient and necessary.

Resolved, That this R. W. G. Lodge do cordially accept the return made and the communications received, and that the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to them for their Masonic attention and regard to this R. W. G. Lodge, and that this G. Lodge will at all times feel a pleasure in corresponding with Lodge No. 47, in assisting their members in the laudable pursuit of Masonic knowledge, and will with cheerfulness confer on them such favors as are consistent with the ancient usages and regulations of our institution.

Resolved, That Bro. Grd. Secretary, the representative of Lodge No. 47, be directed to transmit our said Brethren in Port-au-Prince, agreeably to their request, such information concerning the duties of and the manner of proceeding in Lodges under this jurisdiction as can with consistency be committed to writing; that the R. W. G. Master be directed to issue a dispensation to the Brethren of Lodge No. 47 authorizing them to continue their meetings and workings as heretofore until the R. W. G. Lodge shall have determined on the difficulties between the said Lodge and Bros. La Fosse and Biraud, in case the same is not otherwise settled, and that information shall be given by the representative of Lodge No. 47 to Bros. La Fosse and Biraud of the memorial and papers respecting them, requesting that they will give their answer, and furnish such docu-

ments and vouchers (if any they have) that may be useful in their justification, and that the Secretary of Lodge No. 47 be directed to furnish the said Brethren with a certified copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. G. Lodge be given to the representative of Lodge No. 47, Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, for his attention in receiving and delivering these communications, as well as for his zeal in the service of the craft in general.

Signed, BEN. MASON,
J. MCCREE.

PHILADELPHIA, 13th Oct., 1791.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded that the said report should be accepted, and the said resolves agreed to, which was unanimously and generally adopted.

A Petition was presented and read from several Brethren, Master Masons, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in this city, under the name of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in the names of Bros. William Williams, Master, Andrew G. Fraunces, Senior Warden, and George Goddard, Junior Warden.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, unanimously *Resolved,* That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and Brother Grand Secretary was directed to make out the same accordingly.

Bro. Grand Treasurer reported that agreeably to a former resolve that he had purchased two tickets in the Massachusetts Semi-Annual Lottery, to wit, Nos. 10,551 and 10,555.

Bro. Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis having then laid before the Grand Lodge a memorial, in which he complains that Lodge No. 19, of which he is a member, had on the 29th day of September last passed an unjust censure upon his conduct, in the following words, viz.

On motion and seconded, the question was put by the Chair.

Whereas, The Master on the evening of the 24th of August last did request the Lodge, and charged the same not to mention without the walls anything respecting what was said in the Lodge, and Bro. Duplessis notwithstanding having acknowledged to have done it. If Bro. Duplessis was justifiable in doing so the same was negatived, he not being justifiable in doing so. The motion of the 24th August last was taken up, to wit.

Moved and seconded, That an intimation be made to Bro. Duplessis that it is the opinion of the Brethren that his continuance in this Lodge has disturbed the harmony thereof, and is likely to do so, and that therefore he be informed it is the wish of the Lodge that he withdraw himself from it.

On motion and seconded, the same was carried in the affirmative, and Brother Secretary was directed to send a certified copy of this resolve to Bro. Duplessis as soon as possible; and the Grand Lodge having patiently heard and maturely considered the proofs and allegation of the parties,

Resolved, Unanimously, That the foregoing determination of Lodge No. 19 is highly improper, and that the Worshipful Master of the said Lodge be and he is hereby directed to have it expunged from their minutes.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Lodge No. 19 also to expunge their minute of the 29th September last, which contains a wish that Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis would withdraw himself from the said Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary do furnish Lodge No. 19 with an authenticated copy of these resolutions.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, October 14th, 1791.

Present, the R. W., JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, G^d^ Master, in the chair.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. Grd. Master mentioned that a number of Brethren having applied for a warrant to hold a Lodge in this City of Philadelphia, under the distinct title of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, the R. W. G. Lodge at their last Communication were pleased to grant the prayer, and a warrant was made out accordingly in the name of Brother William Williams, Master, Andrew G. Fraunces, Senior Warden, and George Goddard, Junior Warden; and that the purpose of this meeting was to proceed to the installation of the said officers, which was done agreeably

to ancient form and usage; and Bro. Grand Secretary by the R^t W^l G^d Master's order, declared and proclaimed the said Lodge duly constituted Harmony Lodge, No. 52, to be held in the City of Philadelphia, &c.

The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the said new Lodge returned thanks for the favor conferred on them. The R^t W^l G^d Master ordered Brother Grand Secretary to register the new Lodge in the Grand Lodge Books, and to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this jurisdiction.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Officers be requested to forward by Bro. Eleazar Oswald such communications as they may think proper to the R. W. Gr^d Lodge of Ancient Masons of England.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5th, 1791

Present: The R. W. D^y G. Master, JOSEPH FEW, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 41, 46, 47, 50, 52, represented.

A Letter was read from the American Union Lodge, No. 1, held at Marietta,* enclosing a copy of their warrant and their Bye-Laws; whereupon, on motion and seconded, Brothers Vanden Brock, McCree, Mason, Proctor, and Williams were appointed a Committee to consider the said papers, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

This being the day appointed by the By-Laws for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Lodge proceeded to the ballot, when the following brethren were duly re-elected to the several offices, viz.:

R. W. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, ESQ.,	Grand Master.
" " JOSEPH FEW,	D^y Gr^d Master.
" " THOMAS PROCTOR, ESQ.,	Sr Gr^d Warden.
" " GAVIN HAMILTON,	J^r " "
" " P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, ESQ.,	Gr^d Secretary.
" " BENJ. MASON,	" Treasurer.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is entitled to vote in this Gr^d

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* Ohio.

Lodge, and can be elected to any office in the same, though not an actual member of any Lodge under their jurisdiction.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Lodge that the Lot of Ground of which Bro. Dean had made a present to this R. W. Grand Lodge, was lately obtained without any condition, for the sum of £4. 5. 0.

A motion was made and seconded, that the aforesaid Lot should be sold and the money employed in the purchase of some public stock, the interest whereof shall be applied to the fund of Charity.

On motion and seconded, the consideration thereof was postponed till the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion and seconded, Bros. J. B. Smith, Fox, McCree, R^d Dr Smith, and Few were appointed a Committee to consider whether it would be proper and practicable for this R. W. Grand Lodge to apply for an act of incorporation, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17th, 1791.

Present: The R. W. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that a number of Master Masons having applied for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, No. 51, the R. W. Grand Lodge were on the Eleventh Day of April last pleased to grant their prayer, and a warrant was made out accordingly in the names of Bros. Richard Wistar, Master; Robert Crozier, Sr. Warden; and George Westcott, Jr. Warden.

That the purpose of opening this Grand Lodge was to proceed to the installation of the said officers, which was done agreeably to ancient form and usages, except the Jr. Warden, who was prevented from attending by business; and Brother Grand Secretary, by the R. W. G. Master's orders, declared and proclaimed the said new Lodge duly constituted, No. 51, to be held in the City of Philadelphia.

The W^l Master and Brethren of the said Lodge returned thanks for the favor conferred on them; the R. W. Grand Master ordered Brother G^d Secretary to register the new Lodge in the Grand Lodge's books, and to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27th, 1791.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That no visitor shall be admitted after the Grand Lodge shall have been opened.

The R. W. G. Master, D^y G. Master, G. Wardens, G. Secretary, and G. Treasurer, respectively declared they accepted the offices to which they were severally re-elected at the last Gr^d Communication, and the R. W. Grand Master was accordingly proclaimed, and the other G. Officers recognized according to ancient forms and usages.

On motion and seconded, the appointment of the Gr. Committee of Correspondence was postponed till next Quarterly Communication.

The Revd Bro. Dr. William Smith, addressed the brethren in an oration suitable to the Grand day, and the thanks of the Lodge were given to our said Brother William Smith for the same.

"On motion and seconded,

"*Resolved,* Unanimously, That there shall be a general Communication and feast held on St. John's day next, and Bros. Proctor, Few, Hamilton, Mason, Mulowny, and Willis be appointed Stewards of the same, and authorized to prepare a number of tickets which shall be signed by Bro. G^d Treasurer, and delivered to every regular Mason applying for the same, until Saturday Evening preceding the said St. John's day, at the rate of two Dollars for each ticket; and that out of the amount of such ticket there shall be a sum not exceeding 7 shillings and 6 pence applied to defray the expenses of the feast, and remainder paid into the hands of Brother G^d Treasurer, to be disposed of by the Gr^d Committee of Charity; and the said stewards are also authorized to do everything they may deem proper to carry the purposes of the foregoing resolution into effect."*

Whereupon, on motion, and seconded,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge shall meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon at Oeller's Hotel, where a dinner has been provided to celebrate the feast, and that every Brother shall appear clothed; the same were approved.

On motion and seconded, the Rev. Bro. Dr. Smith and the R. W.

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* This was a resolution passed by the Grand Committee of Charity, Dec. 17th, 1791.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Gr^d Officers, were appointed a Committee to prepare an address to our Illustrious Bro. George Washington, President of the United States; and this Lodge was adjourned to the 2d day of January next to receive the report of said Committee.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 1792.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Minutes of St. John's day being read as far as relates to the appointment of a Committee to prepare an address to our illustrious Brother, George Washington, the Revd Bro. Dr. Wm. Smith, one of the said Committee, presented the draft of one which was read.

Whereupon on motion, and seconded, the same was unanimously approved of, and

Resolved, That the R. W. Grd Master, D^y Grd Master, and Grand Officers, with the Revd Bro. Smith, be a Committee to present the said address in behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge, signed by the R. W. Grd Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 1792.

On motion and seconded, the Lodge took up the consideration of the motion made at the last Quarterly Communication concerning the disposal of the Lot, and whereupon

Resolved, That it is the sense of this R. W. Gr^d Lodge that the said lot be kept, and Bros. Hamilton, Mason, and Mulowny were appointed a Committee to let the said Lot to the best advantage for any term not exceeding three years.

On motion and seconded, the Committee on the Letters and Papers from Marietta were discharged.

The R. W. G. Master informed the brethren that, in conformity to the resolve of this Gr. Lodge, he had, in company with the Gr^d Officers and the Rev. Bro. Dr. Smith, presented the address to our

Illustrious Bro. George Washington and had received an answer, which was read.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, unanimously, That the said address, and the answer thereto, shall be entered on the Minutes.

"To His Excellency George Washington, President of the United States.

"Sir and Brother: The Ancient *York Masons* of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, for the first time assembled in General *Communication* to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, since your election to the *Chair* of Government in the United States, beg leave to approach you with Congratulations from the East, and in the pride of Fraternal affection to hail you as the *Great Master Builder* (under the Supreme Architect) by whose labour the *Temple of Liberty* hath been reared in the West, exhibiting to the nations of the Earth a *Model of Beauty, Order, and Harmony* worthy of their imitation and praise.

"Your knowledge of the origin and objects of our institution; its tendency to promote the social affections and harmonize the heart, give us a sure pledge that this tribute of our Veneration, this effusion of our Love will not be ungrateful to you; nor will Heaven reject our *prayer* that you may be long continued to adorn the bright list of Master workmen which our Fraternity produces in the *Terrestrial Lodge;* and that you may be late removed to that *Celestial Lodge* where Love and Harmony reign transcendent and Divine; where the Great Architect more immediately presides, and where *Cherubim* and *Seraphim*, wafting our Congratulations from *Earth to Heaven*, shall hail you *Brother*.

"By order and in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in general communication assembled in ample form.

[SEAL.]

"J. B. Smith,
"Grand Master.

"Attest: Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,
"Grand Secretary."

"To the Ancient York Masons of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

"Gentlemen and Brothers: I receive your kind Congratulations with the purest sensations of fraternal affection, and from a heart deeply impressed with your generous wishes for my present and future happiness, I beg you to accept of my thanks.

"At the same time I request you will be assured of my best wishes and earnest prayers for your happiness while you remain in this terrestrial mansion, and that we may hereafter meet as brethren in the Eternal Temple of the Supreme Architect.

"Geo. Washington."

Philadelphia, February 4th, 1792.

Present: J. B. Smith, Grand Master.

A report of a meeting of Grand Committee of Charity was presented and spread on the minutes.

The R. W. Grand Master presented two deeds concerning the Lot granted by Bro. Joseph Dean, which were delivered to Brother Grand Secretary to be filed among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Mason delivered sundry papers and an apron belonging to Bro. Henry Gardner; also a certificate, which were given to Bro. Gr^d Secretary to be filed among the archives. The R. W. Gr^d Master presented sundry Communications from the R. W. Gr^d Lodge of Virginia, which were read and referred to the Grand Committee of Correspondence.

Quarterly Communication.

Philadelphia, June 4th, 1792.

The R. W. Grand Master delivered to Bro. Grand Secretary the lease of the Lodge Room duly executed, to be deposited among the archives.

The following was presented by the Committee appointed by the several Lodges concerning the Lodge Room, to wit:

The Committee appointed to digest and report a general plan of providing accommodation for the several Lodges in this city, after

mature consideration, beg leave to recommend to each of the said Lodges the adoption of the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That this Lodge will pay to the Grand Lodge, on every St. John's Day, Ten Dollars for the purpose of enabling the Grand Lodge to discharge the rent of the Lodge Room, and to furnish and ornament the said room in such manner as shall appear to them most advisable.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit to the Grand Lodge an authenticated copy of these Resolutions, signed by order and on behalf of the Committees this 28th April, 1792.

Seth Willis, Isaac Price, Wm. Williams, and the representatives of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, and 52, informed the Lodge that their several Lodges had agreed to the said Resolution:

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That this R. W. G. Lodge do accede to the proposition, and that each Lodge shall direct a copy of their proceedings on the subject to be delivered to the Grand Secretary.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the reasons mentioned to this G. Lodge by Bro. Gr^d^ Treasurer in behalf of Bro. Jas. Pickering concerning the Masonic bowl belonging to No. 4, vacated, which he has returned, are perfectly satisfactory, and that all former Resolutions respecting the said Bro. Pickering be rescinded.

Brother Wm. Moore Smith read some propositions about a subscription to purchase a lot and build a Lodge Room:

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the same was ordered to lie on the table, to be taken up at the next Quarterly Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Lodge that our R. W. Brother Laurence Dermott, late Deputy Grand Master of England, had departed this life:

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That in order to shew the just regard and respect of this Grand Lodge for our late Bro. Laurence Dermott, the patron and founder thereof, it be recommended to every member of this Grand Lodge to appear on St. John's Day next with aprons bordered with black or other marks of mourning.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bro. Gr^d^ Treasurer shall pay to Bro. Gr^d^ Pursuivant the sum of £4.10 out of the funds, to enable him to defray the expenses of the sickness and burial of his child lately deceased.

Grand Lodge, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24th, 1792.

A petition was received from sundry brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in this city, to be called the Lodge of St. Louis, No. 53.

On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a warrant in the names of Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, Esq., Master,; Baron De Beauvois, S. W.; and ——— De Chateaubriand, J. W.

Another petition was received from sundry brethren of the town of Washington, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the said town.

On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a warrant in the names of James Chambers, Master; Jas. Whiteside, S. W.; and Cyrus Beckwith, J. W.; the said Lodge to be No. 54.

Agreeably to a resolution of the last Communication, the brethren appeared decorated with marks of mourning in memory of our late R^t W^l Brother Laurence Dermott, Esq., Deputy Grand Master of England.

On motion and seconded, Bro. Town, Jas. Wilkins, Williams, (No. 52), Pancoast, and Dean, were appointed a Committee to propose a plan for the future meetings of the several Lodges in this room, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

Special Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, July 12th, 1792.

A petition was received from a number of brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Huntingdon, in the County of Huntingdon, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and Brother Grand Secretary was directed to make out a warrant in the names of John Cadwallader, Master; John Marshall, S. W.; and William Kerr, J. W.; the said Lodge to be called No. 55.

Quarterly Communication.

SEPTEMBER 3d, 1792.

Present, the R^t^ Wors^l^ J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

The R^t^ W^l^ Grand Master informed the Lodge that a number of brethren had applied for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, by the name of St. Louis Lodge, No. 53, which had been granted them in the names of Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, Master; Baron De Beauvois, S. W.; and —— De Chateaubriand, J. W.; and the Master and Wardens attending, they were duly installed to their respective offices, and the said new Lodge was declared and proclaimed duly constituted, and the same was ordered to be registered in the Grand Lodge's books, and the Secretary was directed to notify the same to all particular Lodges working under this jurisdiction.

The resolutions proposed by Bro. Wm. Moore Smith were read, and

On motion and seconded, the consideration of the same was postponed.

The R^t^ W^l^ Grand Master informed the brethren that he had ordered the Grand Officers to appear with marks of mourning on their aprons in memory of our late R^t^ W^l^ and Worthy Brother Joseph Few, Deputy Grand Master of this R^t^ W^l^ Grand Lodge, who had departed this life.

On motion and seconded, unanimously *Resolved,* That the Grand Officers shall appear with the same marks of mourning at every meeting and Communication, and on St. John's Day next, and ordered that it be recommended to the different Lodges held in this city to observe the same.

Special Communication.

OCTOBER 29th, 1792.

Present, the R^t^ W^l^ J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

The R^t^ W^l^ Grd Master informed the brethren that he had called the G^d^ Lodge to lay before them a petition from a number of breth-

ren at Carlisle, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the Borough of Carlisle, whereupon the said petition and a recommendation from the Lodge No. 21, at Harrisburg, were read, and

On motion and seconded, the petitioners' prayer was granted, and the G^d Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly in the names of William Leyburn, M.; Hugh McCullock, S. W.; and Robert Leyburn, J. W.; the said Lodge to be called No. 56.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the brethren that he had also received an application from St. Thomas, in the Danish West India Islands, for a warrant to hold a Lodge there, but the said application not being agreeable to the rules and regulations of this R. W. G^d Lodge, and he being well acquainted with Brother John Gravenhurst, who has passed the chair under this jurisdiction, he had sent a dispensation to him to hold a Lodge, and make Masons, etc., for and during six months.

Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER 3d, 1792.

Present, the R^t W^l J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

The R^t W^l Grand Master presented communications from the R^t W^l Grand Lodge of England, according to the old institutions, which were read as followeth (to wit):

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS: It is with much satisfaction that in conformity to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of England, herewith transmitted, and in their name, we address you on this occasion.

We rejoice on the restoration of a fraternal intercourse and communication between our respective Grand Lodges, which we cannot but lament had ever been suspended, and which the Grand Lodge of England agree forever to cultivate and support.

The accession of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to a fraternal alliance with the Grand Lodge of England, and consequently with the several Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe in alliance with that of England, so conducive to the honor and interest of our ancient craft, must necessarily be highly satisfactory to the Masonic world at large.

Having perused your Book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western world, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our order reflects honor on its original founders. Here we must beg leave to state that we conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same independent sovereign Masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours, amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the craft. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily Free, Independent, and Equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to a foreign authority or the establishment of an Imperium in Imperio.

It having, however, pleased the Almighty Architect of the Universe to erect the Province Pennsylvania into a sovereign State, we coincide with you in opinion, that it became expedient to remove those doubts which either had or might be entertained by the uninformed upon that point, by declaring in the most explicit manner the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the full and ample authority of which, limited only by the unchangeable landmarks of the system, as it cannot be increased, so neither can it ever be diminished by political changes or revolutions.

The Principles of pure Masonry like those of true morality must in every age and nation remain the same, unmoved by the shock of Empires or the vicissitudes of human events.

We transmit to you, herewith, our circular letter to the Lodges under our jurisdiction, for the current year, containing a list of our Grand Officers, and those of the Grand Lodges in alliance with us according to their last communications for the present year, to which we have to add that of the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada.

It is with pleasure we inform you of the increasing prosperity of Free Masonry, not only under our jurisdiction, but under that of

the different Grand Lodges in the different quarters of the globe united with us.

We are with esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge, and the Craft under its Jurisdiction, Right Worshipful Brothers,

[SEAL.]

Your sincere friends and Brothers,

JAMES AGAR,
Dep'y Grand Master.

ROBT. LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions.

HIS GRACE, the DUKE of ATHOL, Grand Master.

CROWN AND ANCHOR TAVERN, LONDON, 5th September, 1792.

Present:	Ja^s Agar,	Deputy Grand Master.
	Sir Watkin Lewis Knight,	Senior Grand Warden.
	Jno Bunn, Esq.,	Junior Grand Warden.
	Thos Harper, Esq.,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
	Robert Leslie, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
	John Feakins, Esq.,	Grand Treasurer.
	William Hockaday, Esq.,	Grand Sword Bearer.

The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Right Worshipful, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 23, 37, 63, 31, 81, 128, 159, 192, 193, 194, 195, 221, 225, 226, 227, 230, 231, 234, 239, 240, 241, 244, 245, 251, 253, 255, 258, 259, 261, 264.

Dispatches from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date the 18th of November last, and of 25th of October, 1782, and two resolutions of that Grand Lodge of the 25th September, 1786, were communicated by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, which were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes. His Worship also informed the Grand Lodge that a book of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been sent with the dispatches, which he had perused and found perfectly conformable

to the Landmarks of the Ancient Craft, and after congratulating the Grand Lodge on the restoration of the fraternal intercourse between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania, he proposed and it was *Resolved*, unanimously, That a brotherly address be transmitted to the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, acknowledging their friendly communications and approving thereof, and that a fraternal intercourse and correspondence be established between this Grand Lodge and that of Pennsylvania forever, in the same manner as between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and the other Grand Lodges throughout the Masonic World.

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the same were ordered to be inserted on the minutes, and referred to Bros. McCree, Bankson, Kidd, Johnston, and Mason, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and Brother Grand Secretary was directed to send copies of the said communication to the respective Grand Lodges in the United States, and others in alliance with this Grand Lodge.

The Committee to propose a plan for the future meetings of the different Lodges held in this city presented their report, which was read as follows, to wit:

That they have taken the matter into consideration and recommend that the following days shall be appropriated for the use of the several Lodges as followeth, viz.:

Grand Lodge,	on the 1st and 3d Mondays.
Sublime Lodge,*	" 1st " 3d Wednesdays.
Royal Arch,	" 1st " 3d Saturdays.
Lodge No. 2,	" 2d " 4th Mondays.
" " 3,	" 1st " 3d Tuesdays.
" " 9,	" 1st " 3d Fridays.
" " 19,	" 1st " 3d Thursdays.
" " 51,	" 2d " 4th Thursdays.
" " 52,	" 2d " 4th Saturdays.
" " 53,	" 2d " 4th Wednesdays.

And any of the days that are not appropriated as above shall be at

* Of Perfection.

the free use of all the Lodges by giving notice to the Tyler, until otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge. Whereupon

On motion and seconded, the same was unanimously adopted.

This being the day appointed for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the following brethren were severally elected to the following offices, to wit:

The R. W.	J. B. Smith,	Grand Master.
"	John Carson,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Gavin Hamilton,	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John McCree,	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Robt Johnston,	Grand Secretary.
"	Edward Fox,	Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER 17th, 1792.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, Grand Master.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication being read, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and being again called to labor, Brother Leslie presented a note from Brother Johnston, Grand Secretary elect, expressing his desire to decline the said office, and the same being read,

On motion and seconded, the Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Secretary, when Brother Le Barbier Duplessis was duly elected.

Lodge closed at 10 o'clock in harmony.

N. B.—Brother John C. Baum, Master elect of Lodge No. 46, was installed Master of the said Lodge, there not being a sufficient number of Past Masters belonging to that Lodge or in the neighborhood of it to attend to the business.

St. John's Day.

DECEMBER 27th, 1792.

Present, the R. W^l J. B. SMITH, Esquire, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last Quarterly and Adjourned G^d Communication being read as far as concerns the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the R. W. G. Master having been continued by unanimous vote, he was duly recognized and saluted according to ancient form, and the following brethren were severally installed to their respective offices, to wit:

R. W. John Carson,	Deputy Grand Master.
Gavin Hamilton,	Senior Grand Warden.
John McCree,	Junior Grand Warden.
Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	Grand Secretary.
Edward Fox,	Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge that Brother Jacob Bankson was willing to serve as D. G^d Secretary, which was unanimously agreed to.

The R. W^l Grd Master was pleased to appoint Brother Samuel Benge S^r Gd Deacon, Samuel Pancoast J^r Gd Deacon, R^d Dr. Andrews G^d Chaplain, Brothers Jones and Kidd G^d Stewards, Thos. Proctor G^d Marshal, Col. Williams G^d S. Bearer, Walter Corry G^d Pursuivant, and Frederick Miller G^d Tyler.

Quarterly Communication.

MARCH 4th, 1793.

Present, the R. W^l J. B. SMITH, G^d Master.

The R. W. Gd Master informed the Lodge he had received a letter from the R. W. D^y Grd Master of South Carolina on the subject of incorporation, which was read. On motion and seconded, the same was referred to the Committee appointed to consider the propriety of applying for an act of incorporation.

A petition was read from a number of Brethren in Newtown, Bucks County, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the said town, recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grd Lodge.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the D. G^d Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Redding Beatty, Master; James Hanna, S. W.; and Nicholas Wynkopp, J^r Warden,—the said Lodge to be called No. 57.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to attend to the furnishing the room be authorized to make the choice of a Tyler and an Assistant Tyler, if they deem it necessary, and to ask for the concurrence of the different Lodges meeting in this room.

Special Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 25th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. G. Master, J. B. SMITH.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren that the purpose of calling the Grd Lodge, was to lay before them a petition he had received from a number of brethren in the service of the United States at Legionville,* praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge limited to the movements of the American Army; which petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grd Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Robert Mis. Campbell, Master, Samuel Tinsley, S. W., and William Eaton, Junior Warden. The said Lodge to be called No. 58, to be held wherever the Master of the said Lodge for the time being shall be stationed in the army of the United States.

[Warrants for army Lodges were granted quite frequently by many of the Grand Lodges in the United States during and subsequent to the Revolutionary War. The minutes of a convention held at Morristown, N. Jersey, in 1780, by a number of these army Lodges, is now in the possession of Bro. Robert C. Davis, of Lodge No. 130, who has kindly permitted the Library Committee to make a copy thereof. It will be remembered that the action of this Convention

* "The Legion of the United States," under command of General Anthony Wayne, encamped on the north side of the Ohio River, nineteen miles below Pittsburg, and was strongly fortified and named Legionville. The troops remained here from the 9th November, 1792, until the 30th of April, 1793.

was first suggested by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Communication of January 14th, 1780, when Bro. George Washington was nominated as General Grand Master of the U. S.

Copy of Minutes of a Convention of Army Lodges held 1780.

At a Committee of Antient Free and Accepted Masons met the Seventh Day of the Second Month in the Year of Salvation 1780, according to the recommendation of a Convention Lodge Held at the Celebration of the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

Present

Brother John Pierce, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of Massachusetts Bay and of Washington Lodge No. 10.

Brother Jonathan Heart, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of Connecticut and the American Union Lodge.

Brother Charles Graham, Fellow Craft, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of New York.

Brother John Sanford, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of New Jersey.

Brother George Tudor, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of Pennsylvania.

Brother Otho Holland Williams, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of Delaware.

Brother Mordecai Gist, Pass Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Military line of the State of Maryland.

Brother Thomas Marlim, Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Corps of Artillery.

Brother Prentice Bowing, Master Mason, Delegated to represent Saint Johns Regimental Lodge

And Brother John Lawrence, Pass Master Mason, Delegated to represent the Masons in the Staff of the Army.

The Brethren present proceed to the Election of a President and Secretary for Dispatch of business, Whereupon Brother Mordecai Gist was unanimously chosen President: and Brother Otho Holland Williams was unanimously chosen Secretary of this Committee

The Secretary then read the following Address

To the Right Worshipful, The Grand Masters of the several Lodges in the Respective United States of America

UNION FORCE LOVE

The subscribers, Antient Free and Accepted Masons in Convention to you as the patrons and Protectors of the Craft upon the Continent, Prefer their Humble Address

Unhappily the Distinction of Interests, the Political Views and National disputes subsisting between Great Britain and these United States have involved us, not only in the general Calamities that disturb the Tranquility which used to prevail in this once happy Country, But in a peculiar manner affect our Society by separating us from the Grand Mother Lodge in Europe, By Disturbing our Connections with each other, Impeding the progress and preventing the perfection of Masonry in America

We deplore the Miseries of our Country: and particularly lament the Distresses which many of our poor Brethren must suffer as well from the want of temporal relief as for want of a source of Light to govern their pursuits and Illuminate the path to Happiness. And we ardently desire to restore, if possible, that fountain of Charity from which, to the unspeakable Benefits of mankind, flow Benevolence and Love

Considering with anxiety these misfortunes and the many Irregularities and Improprieties committed by Weak or Wicked Brethren, which too manifestly shew the present dissipated and almost abandon'd condition of our Lodges in general as well as the Relaxation of Virtue among individuals, We think it our Duty Right Worshipful Brothers and Seniors in the Craft to solicit your immediate interposition to Save us from the impending Dangers of Schism and Apostacy. To obtain Security from those fatal Evils with affectionate Humility, We beg leave to recommend the adopting and pursuing the most necessary measures for Establishing one Grand Lodge in America to preside over and Govern all other Lodges of whatever Denomination or Degree Licenced or to be Licenced upon the Continent—That the Antient principles and Discipline of Masonry being restored and re-Established We may mutually and universally enjoy the advantages arising therefrom by frequent Communion and Social intercourse.

To accomplish this beneficial and Essential Work permit us to propose that you the Right Worshipful Grand Masters, or a Majority of your number, may nominate as most Worshipful Grand Master of said Lodge, a Brother whose merit and Capacity may be adequate to a Station so elevated and Important—And transmitting the name and nomination of such Brother, together with the name of the Lodge to be Established to our Grand mother Lodge in Europe for Approbation and Confirmation: And that you may adopt and execute any other ways and means most Eligible for preventing impositions, correcting abuses and for re-establishing the generous principles of Masonry that the influence of the same in propagating Morality and Virtue may be far extended, and that the Lives and Conversation of all true, free and accepted Masons may not only be the admiration of men on Earth, But may Receive the final approbation of the Grand Architect of the Universe in that World wherein the Elect enjoy eternal Light and Love.

Signed in Convention in Morris Town, Morris County this Seventh Day of the Second Month in the Year of our Saviour One thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty. Anno Mundi, 5780

Which being repeatedly read and Considered was unanimously agreed to and sign'd as follows, viz.

OTH H WILLIAMS M. M. Secy

M. GIST P. M. & President
JOHN LAWRANCE P. M.
JONA. HEART M. M.
JNO. SANTFORD M. M.
GEORGE TUDOR M. M.
JOHN PIERCE JUN. M. M.
THOS. MARLIM M. M.
PRENTICE BOWIN M. M.
CHARLES GRAHAM. F. C.

Order'd that the foregoing Address with an Exact Copy of these proceedings, Signed by the President and Secretary, be Sent to the respective provincial Grand Masters in the United States.

And the Committee adjourn'd without Day.

True Copy. OTH H WILLIAMS Secy.]

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3d, 1793.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. Master.

A petition was read from a number of Brethren residing in Philadelphia, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in this city, to be called Washington Lodge, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted and the Grd. Secretary was directed to make out the same in the names of Edward Scott, Master; Richard R. Cusack, S. W., and John McElwee, Jr. Warden, to be called Washington Lodge, No. 59.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. G. Master informed the brethren that a number of Bro. Masons had applied for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia, by the name of Washington Lodge, No. 59, which had been granted them in the names of Edward Scott, Master; John McElwee, S. W., and Richard R. Cusack, J. W., and the said officers attending were duly installed to their several offices according to ancient form, and the said Lodge was declared and proclaimed duly constituted Washington Lodge, No. 59, and the same was ordered to be registered in the Grand Lodge's book, and the G. Secretary to notify it to all particular Lodges working under the jurisdiction.

Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER 2d, 1793.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. Master.

The following Brethren were duly elected to their several offices to wit:

R. W. J. B. Smith,	G[d] Master.
John Carson,	D. G. Master.
John McCree,	S. G. Warden.
Edward Fox,	J. G. Warden.
P. Le Barbier Duplessis,	G. Secretary.
G. Hamilton,	G. Treasurer.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the R. W. G. Master for the time being shall appoint the G^d Committee of Correspondence, and he was pleased to appoint Bros. Duplessis, Fox, McCree, Poor, and Hamilton to be the G^d Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that a subscription shall be opened amongst the brethren under this jurisdiction for the purpose of assisting such of the brethren, widows and orphans of Bro. Masons, who may have suffered by the late calamity in this city, and Bros. McCree, Duplessis, and Fox were appointed a committee to draft a letter and send it to the different lodges under this jurisdiction, soliciting their assistance in the above purpose.

On motion and seconded, ordered that the subscription and donation money shall be paid into the hands of Bro. G. Treasurer, and that the G. Committee of Charity shall have the distribution thereof.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That there shall be a procession on St. John's day next to attend divine service in some of the churches of this city, and Bros. Proctor, Bankson, Poor, McElwee, and Griffith were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements to carry said resolution into effect and report on Wednesday the 11th inst., to which time this G^d Lodge stands adjourned.

[No quarterly communication was held in September, 1793, on account of the yellow fever, which raged at that time with great violence. During the month of August nearly 300 persons died of this fever. In September, 1400, from the 1st to the 17th of October, 1400, from the latter date to the 21st between 90 and 100 died daily, but from that time (October 21st) it gradually decreased; a total of over 5000 persons, among whom were 10 distinguished physicians, fell victims to this scourge. This was the great calamity referred to in the preceding minute.]

Special Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 7th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. JNO. MCCREE, G. M., *p. t.*

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the pur-

pose of this meeting was to communicate them a petition from a number of Brethren residing in and near Fort Burd, commonly called Brownsville, in Fayette County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, praying for a warrant to be granted for a new Lodge, to be held at Fort Burd aforesaid, under the names of Chads Chalfant, Master, John Christmas, S. Warden, and Michael Sowers, J. Warden, which petition was accompanied with a recommendation from the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 54, held at Washington, whereupon, the whole being read,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, Unanimously, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, the said Lodge to be called No. 60, and the Grd. Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

DECEMBER 11th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

The R. W. Grd. Master informed the brethren that the purpose of the adjournment was for receiving the report of the committee appointed to carry into effect the resolution on the procession. Whereupon Bro. Proctor, the Chairman of the said Committee, presented a report, which was read, whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider the resolve passed concerning the procession at the last quarterly communication, and after debate, on motion and seconded, this Lodge was adjourned to Friday next, at 6 o'clock, and the G. Secretary directed to send summonses to the members.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

DECEMBER 13th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. GAVIN HAMILTON, G. M., *p. t.*

On motion and seconded, whether the resolve passed the second instant concerning procession "shall be reconsidered." It was found 19 votes against it and 18 for it, and after debate the R. W. presiding officer declared that one of the 19 votes was given by a

member who had no right to it, the Brother who filled the Junior Grd. Warden's chair being Master of Lodge No. 9, having no right to two votes.

St. John's Day, December 27th, 1793.

Present, the R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

The Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith was duly recognized Grand Master, and proclaimed and saluted as such agreeably to ancient usages and customs.

Bro. John McCree was installed S. G. Warden.

Brother Peter Le Barbier Duplessis recognized Grd. Secretary.

And Bro. Gavin Hamilton installed Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Junior G. Warden elect did not attend.

Whereupon the Lodge proceeded to the procession to attend Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, agreeably to the arrangements made by the committee appointed for that purpose. After the service was over the Brethren being returned to the Lodge,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bros. Wadman, McElwee, Poor, Griffith, and Scott, shall be a Committee to distribute the donation money collected on this occasion.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given by Bros. Procter and Poor to the Rev[d] Dr. Magaw, and copy of this sermon requested for publication; likewise to Bro. Dr. William Smith, for his assistance, and to the Vestry of St. Paul's Church for their grant of the use of said Church this day.

Resolved, That Bros. Procter and Poor be requested to wait on his Excellency, Bro. George Washington, with the compliments of the day, and respectful thanks of the Grand Lodge for his generous donation to the poor.

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangement be authorized to receive Benefactions from such Brethren and others who are willing to contribute for the original charity.

Ordered, That the Committee of Distribution meet to-morrow evening, at 6 o'clock, at the Lodge room.

Special Grand Lodge.

FEBRUARY 18th, 1794.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to inform the Brethren that he had convened this Grand Lodge to lay before them a petition from a number of Brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Wilkesbarre, in the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, the said petition was read; being duly recommended agreeably to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and

On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gr. Secretary was directed to make out a warrant in the names of George Syter, Master, Jno. Paul Schott, S. W., and Peter Grubb, Junior Warden, the said Lodge to be called No. 61 (sixty-one).

Quarterly Grand Communication.

MARCH 3d, 1794.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

A motion was presented in writing by Bros. Poor and Scott as followeth, to wit: "It is moved and seconded, that no member belonging to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall retain or have liberty to make use of more than one vote on any occasion whatever." (Signed, John Poor, seconded, Edwd Scott.)

Whereupon, the same was ordered to lie over to next Quarterly Communication.

Special Communication.

MARCH 31st, 1794.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren he had convened them together in order to lay before them a petition from a number of Brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in Reading, whereupon the said petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On motion and seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Gd Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly, in the names of William Bell, Master, John Myers, S. W., Thomas Wildbahn, J. W., to be called No. 62 (sixty-two).

Special Communication.

MAY 28th, 1794.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

The R. W. G. Master informed the Brethren he had convened them together in order to lay before them a petition of a number of Brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Lewes, in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, the said petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grd. Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly, in the names of David Hall, Master, John Clark, S. W., and James Willey, Jr. Warden; the said Lodge to be called 63 (sixty-three).

Quarterly Communication.

JUNE 2d, 1794.

Present, the R. W. JOHN MCCREE, G. M., *p. t.*

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 12, 19, 45, 41, 46, 47, 51, 53, 56, 59.

A communication from Lodge No. 52 inquiring of Bro. S. B.'s expulsion from the said Lodge which was received; whereupon Bro.

B. declared his appeal from the proceedings of said Lodge, which was granted, and Bros. Hamilton, Fisher, and Pancoast were appointed a committee to inquire and examine into the causes and reasons of Bro. B.'s expulsion, and the proceedings of Lodge No. 52 on the occasion, and to make their report as soon as possible.

The motion made at the last quarterly communication by Bros. Poor and Scott was taken up, and after some arguments the R. W. presiding officer closed the Lodge.

St. John's Day, June 24th, 1794.

Present, the R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the last St. John's day, to distribute the donation money, shall report to the Grand Committee of Charity, who shall settle their accounts and report thereon.

Quarterly Communication.

September 1st, 1794.

Present, the R. W. John McCree, G. M., *p. t.*

Eight Lodges being represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the R. W. Grand Master being indisposed and the Secretary not attending, this Lodge was adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock in the evening on the first Monday in October next.

Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER 1st, 1794.

Present: The R. W. J. B. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 12, 19, 31, 41, 45, 51, 52, 53, 47, 57, and 59, represented.

The Committee on the Appeal of S. B. against the action of Lodge No. 52, presented their report, which was read as followeth:

"That in compliance with their appointment, they have with the greatest attention investigated the whole, and find that a long time before the proceedings had in the said Lodge against the said Bro. B., he had ceased to be a member, and consequently could not be expelled: That even if he had been a member, the proceedings were irregular, and too hasty, and contrary to those charitable principles that should actuate every good Mason, and ought to be erased from their minutes. We also beg leave to request the Grand Lodge would recommend to the several Lodges under their jurisdiction to be cautious in the expulsion of their members."

Whereupon, after some arguments on the part of the representatives of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, the brethren belonging to that Lodge were requested to withdraw, which being done,

On motion and seconded, the report of the Committee was unanimously received and adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and Brother Grand Secretary was directed to send a copy of said report and of these proceedings to Harmony Lodge, No. 52, that they comply therewith, and also a copy to Bro. S. B.

The R. W. G. M. informed the Lodge this was the day appointed for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and desired the Brethren to proceed to the election of another Grand Master, declaring that the same reasons he had given to the Lodge for several years past, and the very particular attention his new office required of him, did not permit him to serve any longer, and urging business calling him away, he desired Bro. G. Hamilton to take his seat, and withdrew.

A letter was received from Bro. John McCree, Sr Grand Warden, desiring the Brethren would elect another Bro. in his room, as his affairs would not permit him to serve any longer.

Bro. Grand Secy. addressed the Brethren—observed to them that since five years he had filled that office, and had endeavored to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and desired they would elect another Grand Secretary, as his health, and especially

his private affairs, did not permit him to pay any longer that attention the importance of the office required.

Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to ballot and the following Brothers were duly elected:

R^{t} W^{l} William Ball, Esq.,	Grand Master.
Wm Moore Smith, Esq.,	D^{y} Grand Master.
Thomas Town,	Sr Grand Warden.
John Poor,	J^{r} Grand Warden.
Thos Armstrong, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.
John McElwee,	Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Lodge that the R. W. Gr^{d} Master and himself had received two communications from the R. W. the Grd. Lodge of England under the old institution.

On motion and seconded, the same were referred to the Grand Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing year, who are to report thereon, and prepare an answer.

St. John's Day, December 27th, 1794.

Present, the R. W. J. B. Smith, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 41, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, and 59, represented.

Achmed Benaly, visitor from Smyrna.*

The R. W. Grand Master proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and Bro. Wm M. Smith, by the R. W. Grd. Master's orders, installed the R. W. Wm Ball, Grd. Master, and he was accordingly proclaimed by Bro. Grand Secretary Grd. Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such agreeably to ancient customs and usages.

Bro. Wm M. Smith was afterwards installed by Bro. Grd. Secretary Deputy Grd. Master.

Afterwards, the following Brethren were installed by Bro. Wm M. Smith to their several offices, to wit:

Bro. Thos. Town,	Sr G. Warden.
John Poor,	J. G. W.
John McElwee,	Gr. Treas.
Thos. Armstrong,	Grd. Secretary.

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Special Communication.

JANUARY 25th, 5795.

Present: The R. W. Wm BALL, Gd Master.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, and 59, represented.

A Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, when the R. W. Grd. Master was pleased to appoint the following officers for the present year, which were omitted on St. John's day last, viz.: Bro. Pancost, Sr Grd Deacon; Griffith, Jun. Gr. Deacon; Revd —— Rogers, Grd Chaplain; Cusack, Grd Sword Bearer; Bros. McKarragher and Will, Grd Stewards, and Wheeler, Grd Tyler.

A petition was read from Lodge No. 2, stating the impropriety of the proceedings of Lodge No. 59, by initiating Wm Bell in their Lodge, after he had applied to said No. 2, and the Sen. Grd. W., Junr Grd W., and Grd Secy. were appointed a Committee to investigate the facts and report thereon.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 2d, 1795.

Present: The R. W. WM. BALL, Grd. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 61, 41, and 47.

The Committee appointed at the instance of Lodge No. 2, in the case of Wm. Bell, reported, That they had examined into the nature of the charges against Lodge No. 59, and are of opinion Lodge No. 59 proceeded on mistaken information with respect to initiating said Wm. Bell in their Lodge, and expressed a wish that all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge would be more cautious in their proceedings, and act consistent with the Constitution of their Order.

It was moved and seconded, That the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge passed in the year 1790 be repealed, so far as is contrary to Ahiman Rezon, and ordered to lie over.

It was then moved and seconded that a procession be had in the city of Philadelphia on next St. John's day, which was agreed to, and Bro. Grd Secretary was requested to inform the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge thereof, by circular letter, as also the motion for the repealing of the By-Laws.

Special Communication.

MARCH 17th, 5795.

Present: R. W. Wm M. SMITH, D. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, and 61.

An order from the R. W. Grand Master to Brother Secretary was read, requesting him to summon the Officers of the Grand Lodge in order to lay before them a petition of a number of Brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Greensburg, in the County of Westmoreland, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, the said petition being read, and the same being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grd. Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Terrance Campbell, Master, John Hatch, Sr. Warden, and Denny McClure, Jun. Warden, to be called No. 64 (sixty-four).

Special Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11th, 5795.

Present: R. W. Wm BALL, Grd Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, and 60

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren he had convened them in order to lay before them a petition of a number of Brethren, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at the Great Bend of the Susquehanna River, in the County of Luzerne, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, the said petition was read, and the same being recommended agreeable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners was unanimously granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Asahel Gregory, Master, John Biddle Com, Senior Warden, and Elisha Hammond, Junior Warden, the said Lodge to be called 65 (sixty-five).

Quarterly Communication.

JUNE 1st, 5795.

Present: R. W. Wm BALL, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos 2, 3, 19, 46, 52, 54, and 59.

A petition was received from a number of Brethren of Berks County, members of Lodge No. 46, praying a warrant may be granted them for dividing the said Lodge and holding a Lodge in Robinson Township in the said County, whereupon,

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petitioners be granted, and Bro. Secretary was directed to make out the same in the name of John Christian Baum, Master, Mathias Keller, Senr Warden, and John Jones, Junior Warden, and ordered not to deliver the said warrant until the said Lodge No. 46 is removed from the place where the same is intended to be held.

On motion and seconded, Bros. Poor, Procter, Huhling, and Griffith were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the procession on St. John's day to such place of worship as they should agree on.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, JUNE 24th, 5795.

THOMAS TOWN, Gr. M., *pro tem.*

Lodges 2, 3, 31, 50, 52, 62.

The Committee of Arrangements reported they had made the necessary regulations for the procession.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangements be requested to wait on Bro. Dr. Smith with the thanks of this Lodge for the discourse by him delivered on this day, and request the favor of a copy of the same for publication, and that one thousand copies thereof be printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

[*Masonic Sermon, Preached before the Grand Lodge of Communication on St. John's Day, June 24th,* 1795, *in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.*

ECCLESIASTES ii, 21: There is a MAN whose Labor is in Wisdom, and in Knowledge, and in Equity.*

This text addresses you, Brethren, in the language of our great master, Solomon, who, after a consummate investigation of the good and evil things under the Sun, and the final tendency of all the labours of man, places him whose labours are "in Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity," in the same illustrious point of view, as the man who discharges the whole duties of Humanity, by "fearing God and keeping His Commandments."

The emphatical meaning of the word Man, as used by our master, Solomon, in the Philosophical and Masonic sense of this text, I need not explain in this splendid assembly of Masons. It is understood within the walls of the congregated Lodge, and carried abroad into the world by every true Brother, in the Grand Lodge of the heart.

As such a Man, I would strive to acquit myself on this occasion. Forty years will this day have finished the long period, since I first addressed, from this pulpit, a Grand Communication of Brethren, with our great fellow-labourer, the venerable Franklin, at their head; and frequent have been the calls upon me for similar addresses, during the important æra that hath since succeeded.

It was with reluctance, therefore, that I engaged in this day's duty, knowing that I had little new to offer; and that little must be offered, with a great decay of former vigour, both of body and mind.

But the unanimous request of the Brotherhood operates as a command on me, once more to undertake what I trust they will accept as a final labour among them; squared by the Rules of Wisdom and Equity, and measured by the best Compass of my Knowledge; taking as a model not only the labours of Solomon, but of one greater than Solomon, so far as they can be imitated, namely, the

* Psalms read, 122, 133; 1st Lesson, 2 Chron., ch. 2; 2d Lesson, 1 John, ch. 3.

Great Architect of the world; all whose labors are in the Infinite Perfection of Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity. For—

"Before the foundations of this Terrestrial Lodge were laid—before the Almighty Fiat was pronounced—before the Sun, and the Moon, and the Stars appeared, as the beauty of Heaven, and an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord—He—the great Architect—in His stupendous Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity and Love, breathing on the vast abyss of Chaos, surveyed the uncreated images of things, in the comprehension of His own unbounded mind, and commanded them to exist, according to Order, and in Measure, Number and Weight!"*

"Then, from the innumerable worlds which He spoke into existence, He chose this Earth, as the temporary Lodge of Man; and distinguished him, above its other inhabitants, with a rational soul, according to His own divine Image. For, as Solomon adds, "His "spirit rejoiceth in the habitable parts of His Earth, and His de-"lights are with the sons of Men."†

Wherefore, Man, being thus distinguished above the rest of the creatures of this world, by the superior qualities of his soul, was designed for superior pursuits; and his chief labours were to be "in Wisdom, in Knowledge, and in Equity"—that he might rise into more intimate kindred with the exalted Beings of superior Worlds.

From this source, therefore, namely, from the Soul and more dignified faculties of Man, flowed the Sciences, as from their true fountain; whose streams, rolling still deeper and clearer, through the channels of Time, have flowed even unto Us in this New World; brightening and enlarging their current, further as they flow!

Nor have any of the sons of men laboured more strenuously, for clearing and widening and deepening the channels of Arts and Sciences, than the fraternity of true Masons, from ancient to modern times. In all ages, in every country and climate, on Land and on Water, under every circumstance, adverse and prosperous, they have adhered to the Rules of their Craft, seeking to adorn the precepts of their chief Master Solomon, and to merit individually the

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* The Masonic reader will readily allow that in different Masonic Sermons, even by different Authors, repetitions and copying from each other, so far as concerns the mysteries of the Craft, Metaphors, Allusions, &c., are unavoidable.

† Prov. ch. 31.

character of a Man, whose labours are in Wisdom, and in Knowledge, and in Equity.

The Arts and Sciences, are the grand pillars, which support the Fabric of human Wisdom, and are in turn supported by it. The Arts, in practical life, produce magnificent buildings to delight the eye, and accommodate man with terrestrial Lodges; while the Sciences, especially as improved and exalted by the divine science of Christianity, produce moral order, and all the charities of Friendship and brotherly Love, to humanize the heart; and lead to piety, both in speculation and practice; to comfort us in our walk below, and prepare us for our seat in the celestial Lodge above.

Seeing, therefore, that this happy union of science with art, produces such a valuable issue, we are not to wonder at the honours paid to those great Men, and Master-Masons, who have benefited the world by their Ingenuity and their labours of Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity; nor are we to neglect the proper occasions of displaying their illustrious example, for the imitation of others.

The memory of those great Craftsmen, who first taught mankind to build, to plant, to sow, to defend the body from injury, and to adorn the mind with knowledge, will still be held dearer, and more precious, to a man whose labours are in Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity; than the memory of the most renowned Conquerors, though mounting to a throne, through the spoils of War, and the devastation of Nations!

To the discoveries in Science, we owe our acquaintance with the works and wonders of Nature, have been enabled to travel the ocean, and behold the wonders of the great Deep; to explore the starry Heavens, to pursue the eccentric comet through its long and devious track, to measure the swiftness of a sun-beam, and the rapid journies of Light; to trace the divine Wisdom and Agency, not only in the greatest, but the minutest parts of His works; and this enlargement of our knowledge of the works of creation, has enlarged our conceptions of the Creator, the mighty Lord of Cherubin and Seraphin—the immortal and invisible God!

It is thus that by the good examples of labourers of this kind, and as we are further instructed by the precepts and example of our heavenly master Christ in his Gospel, that we reap the glorious crop of Christian virtues; which calm and cheer the conscience, purify the heart, and maintain Concord, Unity, Friendship, Charity and

brotherly Love in the Lodge; thereby opening a happy intercourse of love, between the Workmen upon earth, and their great Master in heaven.

Now, since it hath pleased Him, that the cunning Craftsman, the learned Philosopher and the good Man, should all severally contribute so much to the service of mankind, how rare and valuable a Jewel must the Man be, who, according to the text, joins the skill and cunning of his Craft, with the wisdom of the Philosopher, and the goodness of the true servant of God—whose Head, whose Hands and Heart, are alike devoted to the welfare and happiness of his fellow men!

Such it behoves every man to be, who is a faithful member of society, and seeks to do good in his generation, according to the allotment of his Creator, who sent no man into this world, to live by the labours of others. But such particularly should the Man be who is an adopted member of that Fraternity, whose Festival we now celebrate; and which we cannot better celebrate than by shewing the world that we constantly keep in view our professed obligations, to make all our Labours and Wisdom and Skill subservient to the three grand pursuits of the Brotherhood—the promoting "Peace on earth, good will to men, and Glory to God, in the highest!"

This great evangelic pursuit and labour, which our Master Christ came to establish upon sure foundations; our Master Solomon likewise taught in our text, as has been already shewn; and the character given of our Master Hiram, that Prince of Masons, beloved by Solomon, leaves an example which we profess and should strive more and more to follow—Skilled in every art and science, then known among mankind, he delighted to employ his skill to the noblest purposes—the building a house for the Glory of the Omnipotent God—chosen as a Master Builder by the king of Tyre, and sent to Solomon for that purpose, as you heard it read, in our first lesson for the occasion of the day—

"I have sent a cunning man, endowed with understanding, a "great master-builder of my fathers—skilful to work in gold and "in silver and in brass and in iron and in stone and in timber; and "to decorate his work in purple and in blue, and in crimson; also "to grave all manner of graving, and to find out every device which

"shall be put to him!"* and accordingly Solomon, then accounted the greatest and wisest man upon earth, paid him proportionable honour, employing his talents in the noblest work—the building a House for God, and placing under his direction no less than thirty-six hundred master Workmen, fourscore thousand Craftsmen, and seventy thousand common Labourers; all whose labours he directed in Wisdom and Knowledge and Equity, those three grand pillars, founded as upon the adamantine rock of everlasting Truth, on which all True Masons profess to rear and support their Fabrics.

On this foundation, we wish the works of all mankind, as well as our own, to be built; and to build on such a stable foundation, is the most essential part of the Wisdom or Mystery of Masonry; and therefore it need not be called a Secret—in any other way than that the rules for Masonic Workmen, are most conveniently and effectually propagated in secret, or within the doors of the Lodge, closed and guarded. My Christian Brethren in general—I would not, in this sacred place, where it is my duty on every occasion to publish nothing but what is consistent with the truths of the everlasting Gospel—I would not, I say, rise to indulge the sport of Imagination. A sermon to Masons may well be a sermon to all who call themselves Christians. The great principles of Love and Good Will, of Wisdom and Knowledge, of Justice and Equity, which it is the business and main desire of the Lodge to propagate in secret among the Initiated Brethren, are such as may be proclaimed aloud from the house top. They were engraved on the heart of the first Man, by the hand of the Creator, in the bowers of Paradise. They were renewed by his Blessed Son, and pressed home with deeper sanctions and upon more powerful motives, in the New Testament; and they are ever cherished and cultivated in the souls of all who delight in Wisdom, Beauty and Harmony, by the grace and goodness of the divine Spirit—thrice blessed Three, in one eternal Godhead!

It is by these principles that the members of a Lodge, or indeed any true Christian, can be denominated "living stones, built up a spiritual house, possessing that Wisdom which descends from on high—a pure influence from the glory of the Almighty, more beautiful than the Sun, and above all the orders of the stars;" first Pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated; which, whosoever

* 2 Chron. chap. ii. 7.

finds, findeth the Secret of Life—even that Secret which may be felt and enjoyed, but cannot be fully expressed, as containing those Unspeakable Words of truth and happiness, which, according to St. Paul, it is not lawful for a Man to utter.

I knew a Man, says he (still using the word Man in the same emphatical sense, well understood by Masons, as it was used by Solomon in the text)—"I knew a man in Christ, above fourteen "years ago—(whether in the body I cannot tell, or whether out of "the body I cannot tell, God knoweth), but I knew such a man "caught up to the third Heaven, into Paradise, where he heard "unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a Man to utter—Of "such an one will I glory."*

St. Paul speaks here of his own Trance and Vision, when converted and rapt up into the third Heaven; but whether "his spirit "was carried up in the body or out of the body he could not tell, "but only that he there heard unspeakable words, which it is not "lawful or possible for a Man to utter" in the common language of men—for the words which he heard could only be intelligible to the initiated in Christ; who might be favoured with the like glimpse of heavenly glory.

It is no way presumptuous, or irreverent, to compare earthly things with heavenly things—The Beauty, the Harmony, the Peace, the Joy of a true Lodge of Brethren, or even of a single happy Family, upon earth, may bear some resemblance, or be in some degree compared, to the Joy and Harmony of Heaven. Nay, we are even commanded to figure to ourselves as much of the joy and happiness of Heaven, as by divine Revelation we are enabled to conceive, and to make them our example in all our pursuits of Joy and Happiness on earth.

Returning, therefore, to the words of St. Paul—"I knew a Man, "whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell!" and comparing earthly things with heavenly—The Brethren here assembled, well understand what is meant by the emphatical words—"Man and Body;" and not being able to tell, in certain situations of the Initiated, whether they "were in the Body or out of the Body," and also what is meant by their being taken up to the third Heaven, or Paradise of their Art and Craft; and hearing the words, which it is not lawful to utter, but to the true Brethren; to those who have

* Cor. chap. xii. 2—5.

the Signs and Tokens of fellowship, and the language of Brotherly-love!

But passing over all those mysterious expressions (both in the scripture original, and in the copy brought down to the practice of the Lodge); I shall consider, in language familiar to all, and without a metaphor, in what respects a Lodge on earth, duly regulated according to its professed principles, grounded in scripture, may be compared to Heaven, or the Lodge of Paradise above.

And first the Lodge below may resemble the Lodge above, by the excellency of its Constitution and Government, which are so devised, that although the Will of the Master, like the Will of God, is a Law to the whole Family; yet He can neither Will nor Do any thing but what is according to Wisdom, and Knowledge, and Justice, and Right Reason; and therefore the obedience of his Lodge is cheerful and unrestrained. For the peculiar light of his profession assists him in discerning what is best for his Household or Lodge; and that Love, which is the lasting cement of his Family, disposes all the Brethren to act with One Mind and Heart. But not so hath it been among mankind in general. For although they have busied themselves in all ages, in the framing civil Constitutions, and plans of Government; in forming, and reforming them, in pulling down and building up—yet still their labours have been too much in vain—because they have daubed with untempered mortar, and their corner-stones, have not been laid (as in the Lodge, and according to our text,) in Wisdom and in Knowledge and in Equity of Rights!

Secondly, the Lodge may be said to resemble Heaven, on account of the universal Good Will which reigns therein, among the Brethren, although of different languages and countries. It is not necessary to have the labour of learning various tongues in the earthly, more than in the heavenly Lodge. And although, at the building of Babel, the universal language of the workmen was confounded and divided, because they were divided in their hearts and workmanship; yet among the true Master-builders who have since remained at unity among themselves, there is but one language and the same tokens, which are known and understood by all in every country and clime; namely, the language of Love, and the tokens of Good Will!

In the Lodge, as in Heaven, there are no distinctions of Rich and Poor, but all meet on the Level, and act on the Square; distinguished only by their different Skill in their Craft; and a zealous desire, both

in the Lodge and out of the same, to promote all that is praise-worthy among the Brethren, and tending to enlighten and bless mankind, by an amiable condescension, and a benevolent freedom, which pervades and actuates every member, and reigns undisturbed in the Lodge.

In the third place, the Lodge may be said to resemble Heaven, because in Heaven, without respect of persons, they who fear God and work righteousness are received into happiness; so likewise the Lodge opens its bosom to receive good men (who come with the proper signs and tokens) of all Nations, Sects and Professions; and entertains them with sincere Love and Friendship—even as the quiet harbour of some hospitable port, opens its arms to the tempest-driven voyager, and offers him that security and rest, which, on the common ocean, he sought to enjoy in vain!

And now, Brethren, (a word being enough to the Wise) I trust that nothing more need be added on this occasion, respecting the nature and excellency of our Grand Masonic Institutions! Wherefore, it remains only for me to wind up the labours of many years among you (beloved and beloving!) by one solemn Charge and Exhortation; namely, "That you would inflexibly adhere to those great and wise institutions; and that you will accept this my last public Labour of Love, as a token of my Love to the Brotherhood, and honour it with a place among the Archives of the Lodge."

"I Charge you, then, in the first place, since we declare such excellent things concerning the Lodge, and have even compared it, in Beauty and Order, to the Lodge in Heaven;—to remember that you will destroy all ground for this comparison, unless you labour earnestly, like faithful workmen, to imitate the inhabitants of Heaven, by a pure life and unblemished conversation; walking worthy of your vocation as Men and as Christians;—considering that speculative Masonry, which was the glory of the former house under the Law, must be perfected and made sublime by operative Masonry and Vital Practice, which constitute the glory of the latter House!"

"Remember that you are pledged in the most solemn manner to this conduct. Behold that book, which contains the writings of your master Solomon, of your beloved St. John, and above all, of your great master Christ, and his other holy Apostles. In your procession to the house of God this day, as in all former processions, not only with much respect, but also with magnificence, that book,

the Holy Bible, has been borne before you, as the sign and evidence of your profession. Be careful that your practice square with your profession. Let that Bible be your Charter of Rules and Rights; aad while it calls you to Love and Good-will, let not its divine precepts, as pressed upon you by our master Christ, and both our St. Johns, be violated by Evil-speaking, or the contemptible words of Malice, Slander, or want of Charity, to any of the human kind; not even to the least of those whom Christ loved unto death; and still less, if possible, to a Brother, with whom you are pledged especially to live, as on the Square of doing as you would have done unto you."

The elder St. John, called the Baptist, whose Festival we celebrate this day, was the forerunner of the Saviour of the world; the divine Messenger or Harbinger, who first proclaimed the glad tidings of Salvation, in the truly evangelical language of Love. The second John, stiled the beloved disciple, admitted into his Master's bosom, to lean or to lie on his breast, was a very flame of Love! All he writes, all he preaches, is love divine, and social—the Love of God, manifested in the redemption of the world; and that Love which man ought to bear to man, on account of our Redemption; "for," says St. John, "if God so loved us, we ought to love one "another. By this mark or token shall we know that we have "passed from death to life, because we love the Brethren; for he "who loveth not his Brother, abideth in Death, and he that hateth "his Brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath "eternal life. This commandment, therefore, we have from him—"That he who loveth God, love his Brother also."

Thus instructed, and thus professing the principles and doctrines of the true Lodge, remember the fate of that first of Masons and of Men, our great progenitor Adam, who being found unworthy of the bliss which he enjoyed in his Paradisaical Lodge, was driven from thence by order of the omnipotent GRAND MASTER; and a *celestial Tyler*, a mighty Cherubim, with a Sword of fire (mark the emblem) was placed to guard the door, and forbid his future entrance.

Since that time, the Lodges of his posterity have fallen from primitive order and perfection. Yet still they will be a resemblance of the Paradisaical lodge, and even of Heaven itself, so far as you labour earnestly in the exercise of Love, that great badge of your profession. For Love, producing good works, not only in your walk as Masons, but as Christians, is justly stiled—the fulfilling of the whole law, the sum and substance of all duty.

Let those Pharisaical zealots, who flatter themselves in a superior sanctity, and self-righteousness, belie their professions by slandering their neighbours, and putting the worst constructions on their actions, while Charity would suggest those which are more liberal—But let it never be so among you, looking chiefly upon the bright and lovely parts of the human character, casting a veil, where possible, over its weaknesses and failings.

Are you calumniated by any, who, through ignorance or misrepresentation, entertain prejudices against your order—Answer not a Fool according to his Folly—Return not Railing for Railing; but let your converse in the world be a living answer to the Reproach. And while you remember that you are Masons, forget not that you are Christians, to be judged at the great day, by the same Laws of God as other Christians, in the sight of Men and Angels.

As a further assistance in your labours, keep in constant view the bright examples of those who have been eminent in your Fraternity, through ages that are past—rejoice in their Memory, and be incited to follow their steps, in Wisdom, and Knowledge and Equity; considering that those steps led them, and may lead you, from one degree of Knowledge and Virtue, to degrees still higher; raising you to the sublime pinnacle of Wisdom and Virtue on the terrestrial Lodge, preparing you more and more for admission into that celestial Lodge, reared by the great Architect himself; where all the followers of Christ and holy St. John, and the blessed Evangelists and Apostles, enjoy Wisdom and Knowledge and Happiness, blessed forever more.

My concluding Prayer is, that such may be your lot, and the lot of all who now honour us with their presence; "through the Might "of the Father of Heaven; the Wisdom of his adorable Son, and "the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, thrice blessed Three!" To whom be glory, &c.

Amen—so let it be.

P. S. Short address, at the conclusion of the Sermon—"Brethren, a collection "is now to be made. After what has been said of Love and Charity, more "would be needless—Whoever gives, let him give freely and with a willing heart."

From the works of Wm. Smith, D.D., late Provost of the College and Academy of Philadelphia, Vol. II., Philadelphia, 1803.—LIBRARY COM.]

Special Grand Lodge.

AUGUST 26th, 5795.

WM. M. SMITH, D. G. M.

Lodges represented, Nos. 2, 9, 19, 52, 59, and 48.

A petition was then read, subscribed by several brethren, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in Philadelphia, by the name of Concordia Lodge, and that And. Baum may be appointed Master, Henry Voight, Sen. W., and George Willig, Junr. W.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and Bro. Grd. Secretary was directed to make out the same accordingly, numbered 67.

Quarterly Communication.

SEPTEMBER 7th, 5795.

Present, the R. W. WM. M. SMITH, D. G. M.

Lodges represented, Nos. 2, 3, 19, 31, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, and 59.

The committee appointed to wait on Bro. Dr. Smith, etc., report they have performed that duty and have expectations of obtaining a copy of his discourse.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That if the said discourse be obtained, only 300 copies be printed.

Bro. Andrew C. Baum was brought forward and duly installed W. M. of Lodge No. 67, proclaimed accordingly.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, November 17th, 5795.

PRESENT:

The R. W.	William Ball, Esq.,	Grand Master.
"	William M. Smith,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Jonathan B. Smith,	Late Grand Master.
"	Thomas Town,	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John Poor,	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Thomas Armstrong,	Grand Secretary.
"	John McElwee,	Grand Treasurer.

Thirteen Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. A letter was received and read, signed by Brother Matthias Sadler as Grand High Priest of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by him said to be established under the several warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52, and 67, held in the City of Philadelphia.

A petition signed by two members of Lodge No. 52, one of whom was Brother Grand Secretary, was presented and read, stating some irregular proceedings on the part of the Master and some members thereof.

At the same time a complaint was entered by some members of the Grand Lodge, as well against said Lodge No. 52 as also Lodges Nos. 19 and 67.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the warrants of Lodges Nos. 19, 52, and 67, be called in and delivered to the Grand Secretary, and suspended until the next Grand Communication—and until further orders of this Grand Lodge; and the Grand Secretary is required to call on the Masters of said Lodges and demand the aforesaid warrants immediately.

On motion and seconded, the following brethren, namely, the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, Bro. Thomas Town, Bro. John Poor, Bro. Daniel McCaraher, and Brother Duplessis, were appointed a Committee to inquire into the facts set forth in the petition from the two members of Lodge No. 52,—and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of a schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent any schism in future—and requested to make report on Monday next, at 9 o'clock A.M., to which time this Grand Lodge adjourned.

GRAND LODGE met pursuant to adjournment.

MONDAY, November 23d, 5795.

PRESENT:

The R. W.	William Ball,	Grand Master.
"	William Moore Smith,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Jonathan B. Smith,	Late Grand Master.
"	Thomas Town,	Senior Grand Warden.
"	John Poor,	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Thomas Armstrong,	Grand Secretary.

Nine Lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Committee appointed on the petition of the members of Lodge No. 52, etc., informed the Grand Lodge they were ready to report.

On motion and seconded,

Resolved, That the officers and members of the Lodges whose warrants were suspended be permitted to sit in this Grand Lodge during the reading and discussing of the report of the Grand Committee, but not to take any part in the discussion of the said report; whereupon the following brethren were admitted to seats during the said discussion: Brother Matthias Sadler, late Worshipful Master of No. 19; Brother Fisher, of the same Lodge; Brother Ebenezer Hichling, late Worshipful Master of No. 52; Bros. Isaac Price, Thomas Amies, William Franklin, Cadwallader Griffith, George Morton, Daniel Gesford, and Thomas Armstrong, members of the same Lodge; Brother Andrew Baum, late Worshipful Master of No. 67, and George Willig, of the same Lodge.

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, presented the report of the said Committee; and, on motion and seconded, the same was read, as follows:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master
And the Grand Lodge of Antient York Masons,
And of Masonic jurisdiction in Pennsylvania:

The Committee appointed on the 17th inst. to inquire into the facts set forth in the petition from the members of Lodge No. 52, and into any other facts that may have relation to the introduction of schism among the Lodges in Pennsylvania, and to propose such measures as may have a tendency to prevent schism in future, report:

That they have paid all attention to the objects of their appointment which the importance and magnitude of them require; and so far as it is proper to commit anything to writing, this report will contain the substance of their inquiries, reserving to themselves to make verbal statements of all other matters.

The Committee report the following facts respecting a pretended new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, attempted to be instituted in this city.

1. That it is declared and avowed by the members of the pretended new Chapter that they differ from the ancient mode of working in this city, insomuch that they cannot agreeably to their principles admit to visit their said Chapter any of the old established Arch Masons—and they have in fact refused so to do in divers instances—and that those not in union with them may be conducted through a considerable part of their work, unsubjected to any restraint.

2. That the innovations were introduced by an individual, by the name of James Molan, who is admitted and acknowledged to have been the *only person* in this city who pretended to know the degree as given in the said new Chapter, and who has not been able to furnish credentials of his having ever been regularly made a Mason in *any degree,* and on different occasions has given contradictory accounts.

3. That the Chapter held under the authority of No. 52 was improperly and arbitrarily declared to be dissolved, as well by the presiding officer thereof as by the Worshipful Master of No. 52—the new scheme introduced in lieu thereof, without authority of that Lodge, and the written protestations of certain members thereof notwithstanding.

4. That the said James Molan, not a member of any Lodge under this jurisdiction, having himself, without assistance, made two persons by the names of Brown and Denys, those three opened what they call a Chapter under the pretended sanction of No. 19's warrant, used for that purpose without the authority of that Lodge being first obtained.

5. That the said Molan and his associates, in the absence of the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 67, and without his consent or knowledge, or the officers or members, availed themselves of the sanction of the warrant of his Lodge, to introduce this mode of working.

6. That several brethren having been thus pretendedly *arched* by Molan and his associates, and getting these three warrants under this Grand Lodge into their possession, and having *arched* two brethren, one from Maryland and the other from Georgia, and considering those as having the force of three Lodges, under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, and of one under that of Georgia, and one

under that of Maryland, they resolved themselves into a pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

7. That now having, as they suppose, erected under the sanction of five regular constituted Lodges, their Grand Chapter, they pretend not only to work without the sanction of any warrant, but arrogate a power to grant from themselves warrants to others, and do not acknowledge themselves to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

8. That sundry members of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who were Companions of the established Chapters, have attached themselves to Molan and acknowledged his assumed powers and pretended Chapter.

9. That the Master of No. 67, Brother Baum, has given full and ample testimony to your Committee that his error has only arisen from want of caution and misapprehension of the advice and opinion of some *old* brethren, and that so far as his name and concurrence appear connected with these irregular proceedings, it has been in a great measure without his knowledge and approbation; and further, that on finding the imposition and evil tendency of the measures, he withdrew himself and has given the most ready obedience to every order and requisition, and an unequivocal evidence of his resolution to persevere in discountenancing any such proceedings.

Whereupon your Committee propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the said James Molan ought not to be considered and received as a Mason by the Lodges or brethren under your jurisdiction, and that his conduct in assuming a character and powers not belonging to him has had a tendency to mislead many worthy brethren, to introduce an unhappy schism amongst the Lodges, and ought to be discountenanced.

Resolved, 2. That neither of the three Lodges under your jurisdiction has authorized the pretended workings of Molan or his followers in the Royal Arch degree, and that the presence of two brethren from other States unknown to us and assisting in these practices without the concurrence of their Lodges, even if they were respectfully Masters of Lodges under other jurisdictions, could not give validity to their proceedings, and was irregular and disorderly, and tending to destroy the harmony of the brethren in this State and that which has hitherto so happily existed between the Lodges and brethren of the several States.

Resolved, 3. That therefore the said pretended Grand Royal Arch Chapter cannot be considered as legal, and that the brethren should be ordered to withdraw from and discountenance the same; and that in the meantime no brother who has joined in their proceedings shall be admitted into any Lodge under this jurisdiction until he shall have made such satisfaction as shall be deemed sufficient by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Resolved, 4. That the suspension of the three warrants, so far as respects the faithful brethren, be withdrawn, and that the R. W. Grand Master be requested and authorized to do whatever may be necessary and proper for enabling such brethren of those Lodges to carry on the work of their Lodges, and, if necessary, to elect and constitute new officers.

Resolved, 5. That Brother Baum, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 67, ought not to be considered as subject to any censure of this Grand Lodge, but shall be in full and good standing.

Resolved, 6. That your Committee have designedly not entered into a discussion respecting the names of the individual brethren who have been culpable on this occasion, from a wish to avoid unnecessary severity, and yet, as it is to be feared some have erred from a disposition inimical to the good order and harmony of the craft, the Committee recommend that the Lodges be ordered to report to a Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, the names of all such as have been concerned therein, that further inquiry may be had into their respective conduct.

Your Committee propose also the following resolutions:

Whereas, The supreme Masonic jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient York Masons, held in Pennsylvania, has uniformly been and is duly and legally vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;

And whereas, The officers of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge are constitutionally members of the Grand Lodge, although they may not have obtained any degree above that of Master Mason;

And whereas, It is the acknowledged right of all regular warranted Lodges, so far as they have ability and numbers, to make Masons in the higher degrees, and as it is possible that some dif-

ferences may exist or innovation may be attempted to be introduced in those higher degrees, which for want of some proper place of appeal may create schism among brethren;

And whereas, Since many years there has been established in this city, according to ancient forms, a Royal Arch Chapter, under the sanction of the warrant of Lodge No. 3, whose work has met with the approbation of all visiting Royal Arch Masons from the different parts of the world;

And whereas, The number of Royal Arch Masons is greatly increased, insomuch that other Chapters are established in this city and in other parts of Pennsylvania;

And whereas, It was always contemplated that such Chapters, regularly held, should be under the protection of this Grand Lodge;

And whereas, It is the prevailing wish of the Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction that a Royal Arch *Grand* Chapter should be opened under the authority of this Grand Lodge:

Be it therefore, and it is hereby resolved, That a GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER be opened, under the immediate sanction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Be it further resolved, That all past and existing officers of the Grand Lodge having duly obtained the degree of Royal Arch, and all past and existing officers of Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, duly and regularly convened under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, be considered as members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that all members of Regular Chapters shall be admitted to their meetings, but not have any vote nor speak to any question, unless requested.

Be it further resolved, That the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold one stated annual meeting on the day preceding St. John the Evangelist in each year, and occasional Chapters when necessity requires; and shall have powers to elect all its officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as High Priest; that the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter make its own by-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under warrants, to be issued under the authority of the Grand

Lodge. But the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of Royal Arch.

JONATHAN B. SMITH,
THOMAS TOWN,
DANIEL MCKARAHER,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS.

PHILADELPHIA, the 23d of November, Anno Lucis, 5795.

And the same being read a second and third time and debated on by paragraphs;

Thereupon, on motion and seconded, the said report was unanimously adopted, and the resolutions therein contained were unanimously agreed to.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Brother Matthias Sadler be furnished with a copy of the said report and resolutions.

On motion and seconded, Brothers Wadman, Bankson, Town, McKaraher, Poor, and Milnor were appointed a Committee to carry into effect the sixth resolution.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That two hundred copies of the report of the Grand Committee and of the proceedings thereon, as also the proceedings of this Grand Lodge on the 17th inst., be printed and transmitted to the Lodges under the jurisdiction, and to such Lodges in Europe, and the different States in America and elsewhere, with whom this Grand Lodge corresponds.

Extra Grand Lodge.

NOVEMBER 30th, 5795.

PRESENT:

The R. W. William Ball,	Grand Master.
" William M. Smith,	Deputy Grand Master.
" Jonathan B. Smith,	Late Grand Master.
" Thomas Town,	Senior Grand Warden.
" John Poor,	Junior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Armstrong,	Grand Secretary.

Eight lodges being represented, a Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; the minutes of this Grand Lodge on the 17th and 23d

inst. were read. The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the 23d inst. to carry into effect the sixth resolution contained in the report of the Grand Committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge on the said 23d instant, reported:

That on the 27th instant, a Committee delegated from the brethren of the new Royal Arch Chapter met them in conference, the result of which your Committee submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge:

NOVEMBER 27th, 1795.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appointed the 23d instant, and several brethren of the new Chapter in conference:

The following resolutions of a Committee from the lately established Chapters were agreed to by their conferees on behalf of the whole Chapters, viz.:

Resolved, That we consent and agree to dissolve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter formed under the warrants of Lodges, Nos. 19, 52, and 67.

Resolved, That as Masons, we acknowledge the supreme jurisdiction over all Lodges in Pennsylvania to be vested in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that without the sanction of a warrant from or the authority of the said Grand Lodge, no Lodge or Chapter can be legally opened or held within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge.

Signed by Brothers MATTHIAS SADLER,
ISAAC PRICE,
CADWALLADER GRIFFITH,
GEORGE MORTON.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of the above resolutions, do recommend the following resolution, expressly leaving the said Chapter in the situation it now is if this resolution is not adopted:

Resolved, That there now exists a perfect harmony among the brethren in Pennsylvania, and that the several brethren who have been suspended be and are hereby restored, and that all matters and things done in the Grand Lodge, affecting the private and indi-

vidual rights of said brethren, be and are hereby done away and repealed.

Signed by Brothers PRAISE WADMAN,
THOMAS TOWN,
JOHN POOR,
JACOB BANKSON,
DANIEL MCKARAHER,
JAMES MILNOR.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge accede to the two resolutions of the Committee appointed on behalf of the brethren of the late established Royal Arch Chapter.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved unanimously,* That the resolution reported by the Committee of the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby unanimously adopted.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved,* That the warrants which have been suspended be restored, and the suspended members who have joined the late Grand Royal Arch Chapter be restored to their former situation and dignity under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. And the said warrants were restored to their representing officers, who were accordingly admitted to their seats, and recognized as in full and good standing.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Master congratulated the restored Lodges and the brethren thereof upon the renewal of harmony, and gave such advice as was suited to the occasion.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved,* That the thanks of this Lodge be given to the two Committees for their indefatigable pains in bringing about a restoration of Harmony and unanimity among the brethren, which was the object of their appointment.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to make the minutes of this communication as publicly known as those of the preceding meetings of this Grand Lodge. The mode and manner of which was left to the Grand Secretary, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master was requested to assist him.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7th, 5795.

Present: The R. W. WILLIAM BALL, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 41, 47, 51, 52, 56, 57, 67, represented.

The R. W. G. Master informed the brethren this was the Stated Communication for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and at the same time desired the brethren to elect another Grand Master in his stead, as his age and health would not permit him to discharge the duties incumbent on him which the importance of the office required; whereupon the Lodge proceeded to the ballot, and the following brethren were duly elected:

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq.,	Grand Master.
" Wm. M. Smith, Esq.,	Deputy Grand Master.
" Thomas Town,	Senior Grand Warden.
" John Poor,	Junior Grand Warden.
" John McElwee,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thos. Armstrong, Esq.,	Grand Secretary.

On motion and seconded, Bros. Town, Bankson, and Armstrong were appointed a Committee to wait on the R. W. G. Master elect and inform him thereof, and present an extract of these minutes. The Committee appointed to wait on the Rev. Dr. Smith for a copy of his discourse were continued over, also the Committee appointed to report on the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge were continued.

Extra Grand Lodge.

DECEMBER 25th, 5795.

Present: The R. W. WM. M. SMITH, Deputy G. M.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 52, 56, 59, 67, represented.

The Committee appointed to wait on the R^t Worshipful G. M. elect and inform him thereof, reported they had performed that duty and presented him an extract of the minutes relative thereto, and

received from him at the same time a letter, in which he declined the acceptance of the office, which letter being presented, on motion and seconded, the same was read as follows, viz.:

R^t W. BRETHREN: In communicating to me that the R. W. Grand Lodge at their last Communication had been pleased to elect me Grand Master, you will readily believe that you address all my attachments and feelings for the craft. To a mind of the least sensibility to passions which dignify the man and the philanthropist, it is a flattering and enviable distinction to be called to preside over a society of Free-Masons. Under these impressions it is with regret that I feel it a duty I owe to myself and to the R. W. Grand Lodge and the brethren to decline an acceptance of the honors they offer and the duties of the station. I must, therefore, request that you will be pleased to report to the R^t W. Grand Lodge that I am sensible of the sacred obligation to contribute whatever may be in my power to serve the craft. Yet that I must beg their permission to decline the elevated and important station to which they have been pleased to call me, assuring them that my exertions shall be continued in the more humble sphere as long as the impression made by this fresh instance of partiality for supposed past services shall remain in a grateful heart. Had not an unavoidable attendance at the time on the duties of a public station detained me from the Communication, I most certainly should have avoided to the R. W. Grand Lodge the trouble of a second election.

With every sentiment of respect I am yours, etc.,

J. B. SMITH.

December 10th, 1795.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the resignation of the R^t W. G. Master elect was accepted, and the lodge proceeded to the ballot and the R. W. William Moore Smith, Esq., was duly elected Grand Master, which he was pleased to accept. Whereupon, the Lodge proceeded to the ballot for a Deputy Grand Master, and the R. W. Matthias Sadler was duly elected Deputy Grand Master, which he also was pleased to accept.

St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28th, 5795.

Present, the R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Esquire, D. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 50, 52, 54, 56, 67, represented.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication read as far as concerns the election of Grand Officers, also the minutes of the Extra Grand Lodge relative to the resignation of the R. W. Grand Master elect and the election of other Grand Officers.

Objections being made by some of the Brethren present to the validity of the election on the 25th inst., and both the G. Master and D. G. Master elect declared to the Grand Lodge that they conceived it proper to resign their appointments in order that the Grand Lodge might proceed to a new election, and the said resignations being accepted, the sense of the Grand Lodge was taken on the two following questions:

1st. Whether in case of a Grand Officer elect at the stated meetings for the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge declines accepting his appointment it's necessary to specify in the summonses for a special meeting of the Grand Lodge called for an election to supply his place the particular business of the meeting?

Carried in the affirmative.

2d. Whether in the choice of all Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, a majority of the members present is not essential to the said choice?

This was also carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Brethren proceeded to the ballot, and the R. W. William Moore Smith, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and Gavin Hamilton R. W. D. G. Master.

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., was pleased to take the chair, and by his request Bro. Town installed the R. W. G. Master elect, who, having resumed the chair, was proclaimed by Bro. Grand Secretary Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such agreeable to ancient custom and usage.

Bro. Thomas Town, S. G. Warden, was then installed by Bro. John Poor, and afterwards he installed Bro. John Poor J. G. Warden.

Bro. Duplessis installed Bro. John McElwee G. Treasurer, and Bro. McKaraher installed Bro. Armstrong G. Secretary.

The R. W. G. M. then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Rev[d] Dr. Andrews,	G. C.
Bro. Cusack,	G. S. B.
Bro. Pancost,	S. G. D.
Bro. Griffith,	J. G. D.
Bro. McKaraher, Bro. Ewing,	Grd. Stewards.
Bro. Correy,	Grd. Pursuivant.

Bros. Town, McKaraher, and McElwee were appointed a Room Committee for the ensuing year.

Special Grand Lodge.

JANUARY 2d, 5796.

Present, the R[t] W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 41, 56, 54, 59, 67, represented.

Bro. Duplessis, at the request of the R. W. G. M., installed Bro. Gavin Hamilton Deputy G. M., who was accordingly saluted by the brethren present. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, expressing the wish of the said Grand Lodge that a correspondence could take place between the same and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Referred to the Com. of Correspondence to draw and send an answer thereto, and Bro. Jonathan B. Smith was added to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion and seconded, the Masters of the different Lodges were ordered to make return to the Grand Secretary as soon as convenient of a list of all the Past Masters entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge.

A communication was presented and read from the Grand Lodge of England. Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7th, 5796.

Present, the R^t W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 52, 59, 61, 67.

On motion and seconded, Bros. J. B. Smith, Hamilton, Town, Poor, and Israel were appointed a Committee to devise a scheme for raising a sum of money to build a Lodge Room, and make inquiry for a suitable lot for the purpose.

A letter was received from the Officers of Lodge No. 5, held at Trenton, New Jersey, in behalf of said Lodge, praying a donation to defray the expense of a building they had erected for a Lodge Room.

Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A Committee, viz., Bros. Milnor, Morton, and Price, were appointed to inquire what Lodges have ceased to meet according to the period designated by Ahiman Rezon.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That all the monies of this Grand Lodge be paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and that he be authorized and empowered by the advice and consent of the W. Deputy G. Master to vest the same in some productive fund for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21st, 5796.

Present: the R^t W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 31, 59, 67, represented.

The R. W. G. M. informed the Brethren that a warrant had been applied for holding a Lodge in the town of Mifflin, in the County of Mifflin. A petition from a number of brethren was then read, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a lodge in the said town of Mifflin, and that Ezra Doty may be constituted Master, Thomas Evans Senr Warden, and Robert Cooper Junr Warden. Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of

said petition be granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary was requested to make out the same accordingly. This Lodge adjourned to 6 o'clock this evening. Closed in Harmony 2 o'clock P.M.

Grand Lodge met Pursuant to Adjournment.

Present: THOMAS TOWN, G. M., *p. tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 31, 67, represented.

Grand Lodge opened in due form and Bro. G. Secretary produced a warrant made out agreeable to request, and then Bro. Ezra Doty was brought forward and installed in degree of the Chair as W. Master of a new Lodge to be held in the town of Mifflin and numbered 68, and being placed in the Chair, the warrant of the said Lodge was delivered him, and he was saluted by the brethren and received from the W. G. Master, *p. tem.*, instructions suitable to the occasion.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16th, 5796.

The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 56, 59, 67, represented.

A petition from a number of Brethren praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Tioga Point was presented and read and ordered to lie on the table.

Bro. J. B. Smith, one of the Committee appointed to devise a scheme for raising a sum of money for the purpose of building a Lodge room, informed the R. W. G. Master the said Committee were ready to report, and then Bro. J. B. Smith presented their report, which was read by the R. W. Grand M. Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That 300 copies of the same be printed, and Bro. Grand Secy was requested to have it done and distribute them among the different Lodges.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the same Committee be continued and invested with power to contract for a suitable lot to build a Lodge Room on.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23d, 5796.

The R. W. GAVIN HAMILTON, D. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 51, 56, 59, 67, represented.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed this W. Grand Lodge he had 300 copies of the report of the Committee printed, and distributed them accordingly. The petition for holding a Lodge at Tioga Point was continued. This R. W. G. L. proceeded on the report of the Committee, which report was then read and debated on by Paragraphs, and having made some progress, this R. W. G. L. adjourned till next Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

Extra Meeting of this Grand Lodge Pursuant to Adjournment.

MAY 30TH, 5796.

The R. W. GAVIN HAMILTON, D. G. M.

Despatches from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England were received by Brother Grand Secretary, and presented to the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, which were read, containing the Rules and Regulations for the Government of their Holy Royal Arch Chapter, as supported by the Ancient Grand Lodge of England; also, the Transactions of the said Grand Lodge for the years 1794 and 1795, containing a list of their Grand Officers for the year 1796, which, together with two copies of certificates, the one their G. L. certificate and the other their Holy Royal Arch certificate, were enclosed in a letter, which, being read, was ordered to be entered on the minutes of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and is in the words following, viz.:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL AND MUCH ESTEEMED BROTHERS:

We are favored with your despatches of the 26th of November last, with duplicates of your former letters, and of 17th of August, 1794, the originals of which never came to our hands, otherwise they would have been readily answered, with every information, advice, and assistance that our R. W. Grand Lodge could possibly give to you upon the occasion. Your R. W. Grand Lodge, the guardians and protectors of the immunities and privileges of the Society, invested with ample power for the good government of the warranted Lodges in all degrees of Masonry under your jurisdiction, could not without the highest injustice to the Ancient Craft but have acted with that firmness and justice which you have manifested upon the pretended assumption of a Grand Lodge or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons being formed independent of and without the sanction of your R. W. Grand Lodge.

The justice and moderation of your proceeding, however painful to you or to us for the time being, certainly has and will ever have our most sincere and hearty support. Truth and justice, with perseverance, will always prevail, and produce the happy effect, particularly in the Masonic world, of uniformity; harmony and order will ever be the means of handing those valuable blessings to posterity unchanged and without schism.

We have very much to regret the loss of your former despatches, as before now you would have been in full possession of every necessary information and regulation adopted and taken by our R. W. Grand Lodge, particularly respecting that of the highest degree of Masonry, the Royal Arch, and which we are happy to assure you is conducted with us with the most happy effect, conducive to the general uniformity and good order of the whole Masonic body in this kingdom.

We herewith enclose you the last revisal of our Regulations and Orders in this particular, which has met with the sanction of our R. W. Grand Lodge, and the unanimous approbation of the brothers, with a proof copy of our G. Royal Arch certificate.

We have opened a brotherly correspondence and union with the Grand Lodge of New York as well as Maryland, and will be happy and are anxious and desirous of doing so with the other R. W.

the Grand Lodges legally formed and in union with you in the different States of America, and we trust and confide in your zeal and attachment in the forming a compact, the utility of which must be so very conducive to the uniformity and preservation of the Ancient Craft in both countries.

By order of the Grand Lodge.

We are, with sentiments the most regardful,
And wishes the most sincere
For your collective and individual happiness,

ROBERT LESLIE,
Grand Secretary.

THOMAS HARPER,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the said letter of Communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

This Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee by Paragraphs, and having made some progress, adjourned till to-morrow evening 6 o'clock.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31st, 5796.

The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 31, 45, 52, 56, represented.

The report of "The Committee appointed to devise a Scheme for raising a Sum of money to build a Lodge Room" was then taken up, considered, and after a few Amendments, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be entered in the minutes, as follows:

They recommend that a sum of money be raised by subscription, for the foregoing purposes, in the manner and on the terms following:

That the subscribers shall be known by the name of the Pennsylvania Free-Mason Hall Association.

That the subscriptions shall be in shares of ten dollars each.

That the Grand Lodge, and Lodges, and any Brother in good

standing, may subscribe any number of shares they please, on the terms following:

On each subscription for a single share, shall be paid at the time of subscribing ten dollars.

On each subscription for two to five shares, shall be paid at the time one-half of the sum subscribed, and the other half at the Communication in December next.

On each subscription for six to ten shares, shall be paid one-third at the time, one-third at said December Communication, and one-third at the Communication in March following.

On each subscription for eleven to twenty shares, shall be paid at the time one-fourth, and one-fourth at December Communication; one-fourth at March Communication, 1797, and one-fourth at June Communication following.

On each subscription for more than twenty shares, shall be paid at the time one-sixth, and one-sixth at the several Communications in December, March, and June following; and two-sixths at the succeeding Communication in September.

That for all future payments notes shall be given, and in case any instalment or note shall not be paid within ten days after the same shall come due, the monies paid by the delinquent subscriber shall be forfeited, and the sum so forfeited shall go to the credit and use of the Grand Lodge, and constitute shares in the name of the Grand Lodge; the interest thereof to be applied to the purposes of the Grand Lodge charity fund.

That a printed certificate, sealed with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and signed by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, countersigned by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, shall be delivered for each share subscribed and fully paid; which certificates shall be transferable by the Stockholder, his Heirs or Representatives only to the Grand Lodge, or any Brother in good standing, in such manner as the Association shall direct.

That at all meetings of the Association, in cases of voting or ballot, the Stockholders being Brethren in good standing, shall have one vote for every share they hold not exceeding ten, and one additional vote for every two shares from eleven to twenty, and one vote for every five shares exceeding twenty. Provided, that in electing the Hall Committee, the Grand Lodge, nor any subscribing

Lodge, shall have a vote; and that in other cases, their vote, or votes, as the case may be, agreeable to this article, shall be given by the senior officer present, or their proxy.

That, in order to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect, a Committee of five members be appointed by the Grand Lodge, who shall take subscriptions, receive monies and notes, and give receipts therefor. They shall report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, every Quarterly Communication, with the names of the subscribers, and the sums by them respectively subscribed and paid. They shall deposit monies received, amounting to one hundred dollars, in the Bank of Pennsylvania; and having four hundred dollars or more, shall vest the same in some productive stock, and receive the interest or emoluments arising therefrom, and vest the same in other productive stock, and may transfer or raise money on the said stock, or any part thereof, for the purposes above mentioned. When one thousand shares shall be subscribed, the Committee shall certify the same to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who shall direct notice to be given by the Grand Secretary to the subscribers to meet at the Grand Lodge Room, at a time specified, to choose nine managers, who shall be subscribers, and during their continuance in trust, must be actual members of some Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The Committee shall superintend the election, and make return of the managers elect to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, who thereupon shall direct notice to be given to them of their election, and call on them to enter on the execution of their trust, or he shall refer the said report, if any objections shall be made against said election, and all matters touching the same, to the Grand Lodge. In the latter case he shall direct the Committee to continue in the discharge of the duties enjoined on them, till the sense of the Grand Lodge shall be known, and every difficulty obviated. Of this he shall give notice to the managers elect, and shall on giving notice in either case direct the Committee to deliver over and transfer all the books, papers, and property of every kind, real property excepted, which shall always be held in the name of the Grand Master in Trust, with a schedule thereof, to them, who shall give a receipt for the same; a duplicate of which schedule and receipt shall be lodged among the archives of the Grand Lodge; and the Committee shall be discharged from any further duties respecting the premises.

That the managers so elect, together with the four Grand officers, and the presiding officers of subscribing Lodges, for the time being (but a majority of the elected managers may act, due notice having been given to all the members of the Committee) shall be called *The Pennsylvania Free-Mason's Hall Committee*, and shall act till the next St. John the Evangelist's day. The managers shall be elected on the Saturday preceding every St. John's day. The Hall Committee shall transact all such business respecting this concern, as shall be directed at a general meeting of the subscribers. They shall continue to receive subscriptions till four thousand shares shall be subscribed for. They shall purchase or procure a suitable lot of ground, for the purpose of erecting thereon buildings and accommodations, to be made, set apart, and appropriated for the use of the Grand Lodge, and of the Lodges in and near this city, and other Masonic purposes; and in such form, as that part of the said buildings will produce an annual income to the Association, without incommoding the Lodges, or interfering with their ample and complete accommodation, which is hereby declared to be the primary object and intent of this contribution. The Hall Committee shall have the Lodge rooms completely furnished and kept in order, have the house occupied to the best advantage of the Association and the Lodges; receive all the rents, interest, and emoluments arising from the property, of whatever kind; and pay all demands whatever against the Association, by orders on their treasurer, signed by their chairman, and countersigned by their secretary. The committee shall make a statement of their accounts, to be laid before the annual meeting of the Association, and declare a dividend on the profits of each share, up to the time of the communication preceding St. John's day, yearly, and pay the said dividend on St. John's, yearly. The Committee shall be subject to the controul of the Association, and such bye laws as they may enact, as to all expenditures, and other acts; they shall chuse their own chairman, and also their treasurer and secretary, who shall be actual members of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, while they continue in said trust. The Committee shall meet on the Monday following their election, and afterwards on their own adjournment, and on the call of their chairman, and a request in writing by any twenty stockholders, stating the special occasion.

The stockholders shall hold an annual stated meeting, on the day

preceding St. John the Evangelist's day. Unless said St. John's day shall happen on Monday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the Saturday preceding. They may adjourn their meetings from time to time, and may be convened by the Hall Committee, when the said Committee shall judge it necessary, and when fifty stockholders or more, by application in writing to the Committee, request it, stating the object intended; and in this last case no other business shall be considered or determined upon, except by consent of all the stockholders present. At the said annual meeting, the Association shall elect managers for the ensuing year, and receive reports of the Hall Committee for the year past. At the stated and other meetings of the Association, subject to the restrictions aforesaid, they may give instructions to the Hall Committee, devise measures for the advantage of the general concern, and for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and Lodges, and pass orders and bye laws for their own government and that of the Hall Committee; any regulations affecting the Grand Lodge, or Masonic interest, or accommodations, shall be laid before the next ensuing communication of the Grand Lodge, and receive their approbation, before they shall be deemed to be in force. The Grand Lodge shall have the free use of all the accommodations for Masonic purposes, provided from time to time, private Lodges shall have the uninterrupted use thereof, in an equal distribution of time, as nearly as may be, conformable to the present arrangement of the Grand Lodge, under the directions of a Room Committee, to be appointed by the Grand Lodge, and paying such reasonable rent therefor, as the Hall Committee shall from time to time direct.

In case any dividend shall not be called for within one year after it becomes due, it shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, and be invested in some productive property, to aid in forming a perpetual charity fund, the intererest of which only shall be expended.

But if the proprietor, or his representatives, apply for the same within five years, the principal received shall be paid to him or them.

In case of the death of the proprietor of any share or shares, without heirs, and not having made disposition thereof, the property in the same shall vest in the Grand Lodge, for the uses, and subject to the restrictions, mentioned in the foregoing article.

In case of the death of a stockholder, and the widow or children

needing the principal, in the opinion of the Grand Committee of Charity, the Grand Lodge may, and if their funds arising from failures or other incidents under this article will admit, shall pay the same at the original value, to the widow and children, or either of them, as the said Grand Committee of Charity shall direct, and the property shall then vest in the Grand Lodge.

A stockholder dying, having made no disposition of his stock, and leaving widow or children, the Grand Committee of Charity shall yearly, as a dividend becomes due, direct the distribution among the widow and children, or either of them, or both, in such manner as their respective circumstances may require.

In case of a demise of a subscribing Lodge, their shares shall vest in the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as in the case of stockholders dying without heirs.

The titles to property purchased, or held by the Association, shall be in the name of the Grand Master, in trust, for the uses expressed in these articles.

Public notice shall be given by the Grand Secretary, of every proposed meeting of the Association, two weeks before the day of meeting.

It is understood and conceded, that the full and entire right and title to the monies to be subscribed, and all manner of property to arise or accrue therefrom, vests in the Grand Lodge, subject to the uses and purposes aforesaid; and that all interest and claim, other than in and of the dividend to be made as aforesaid, is, from the day of subscription, divested from the subscribers: And further, that the said dividends be considered as unalienable but in the manner aforesaid, and as accruing for the use and benefit of the widow, children, heirs, or representatives, of the subscribers, or their assigns only, as aforesaid.

The Grand Lodge will, so far as is consistent with the principles of Masonry, exert their influence with all the Lodges in this city and vicinity, under their jurisdiction, or in connection with them, to meet in said building, and with all Lodges under its jurisdiction, to aid the present plan.

On motion and seconded, Bro. Grand Secretary was requested to have 500 copies of the said report as amended printed, and inform the members of this Grand Lodge in their summons that a Committee will be appointed at the next Communication to receive subscriptions.

Quarterly Communication.

JUNE 6th, 5796.

The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 31, 52, 56, 67.

A petition was received and read signed by some brethren who had withdrawn from Lodge No. 31 at Norristown, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia. On motion and seconded, agreed that the same be continued over to the next Quarterly Communication.

This R. W. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the appointing a Committee to receive subscriptions for raising a sum of money to build a Lodge Room, and the R. W. Deputy G. M., Bros. Israel, Sadler, Hiltgeimer, and Bro. Grand Treasurer were nominated and unanimously agreed to.

Bro. Grand Secretary was then requested to procure suitable Books for the said Committee to enter the subscriptions and to notify the absent brethren of their appointment, that they may enter upon the execution of their duty. On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, that this R. W. Grand Lodge will take 300 shares of the subscription to be made, and Bro. Grand Treasurer was requested to subscribe that number of shares on behalf of this G. Lodge.

St. John's Day.

JUNE 24th, 5796.

The R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 45, 51, 52, 59, 61, 67.

Information was rec'd that Bro. Hiltgeimer, who had been appointed at the last Communication one of the Committee to receive subscriptions declined serving, and on motion and seconded, Bro. Isaac Price was appointed in his stead.

A petition was received and read signed by a number of brethren residing in and near the Borough of Chester, Delaware County, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the said Borough, and that William Martin may be constituted Master, James

Bernard, Sen. W., and William Pennell, Jun. Warden, and on motion and seconded, the prayer of the said petition was granted and Bro. Grand Secretary was requested to make out a warrant accordingly.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, July 6th, 5796.

THOMAS TOWN, W. G. M., *pro tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 52, 9, 31, 56, 67.

A petition from a number of Brethren residing at and near Tioga Point was presented and read, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge at Tioga Point, in Luzerne County, and that Arnold Colt may be constituted Master, Stephen Hopkins, Senr. Warden, and Ira Stevens, Jun. Warden. Whereupon, on motion and seconded, the prayer of the said petition was granted and Bro. Grand Secretary was requested to make out a warrant accordingly.

Quarterly Communication.

SEPTEMBER 5th, 5796.

WILLIAM M. SMITH, R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67.

The petition which had been continued over from last Communication, signed by a number of brethren who had withdrawn from Lodge 31, praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the City of Philadelphia by the name of Orange Lodge, and that William Nelson may be constituted Master, Alexander Moore, Sen. W., John Thompson, Jun. Warden, was now taken under consideration, and the prayer of the said petition was granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary requested to make out a warrant accordingly, and to be numbered 71.

Bro. William Martin, who had been constituted W. M. in the warrant granted him to hold a Lodge in the borough of Chester, No. 69, appearing this evening, was installed by the R. W. G. Master as Master of said Lodge, and saluted according to ancient custom.

Quarterly Communication.

DECEMBER, 5th, 5796.

Present: WILLIAM M. SMITH, R. W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61, 67, 71.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompanied with a book of constitutions. On motion and seconded, referred to the Grand Committee of Correspondence, who were requested to draw up an answer to the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge on next St. John's day.

On motion and seconded, that a Committee be appointed to frame an address to be presented on the ensuing Feast of St. John, Dec. 27th, to the Great Master Workman, our Ill^{s} Bro. Washington, on the occasion of his intended retirement from public labor, to be also laid before the said Grand Lodge on St. John's day, and the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy G. M., Bros. Sadler, Milnor, and Williams were accordingly appointed.

The R. Worshipful Grand Master then informed the Grand Lodge this was the day appointed for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Gr^{d} Secy informed the Brethren that his professional business and other engagements prevented his attending any longer to the duties the importance of the office required, and requested they would elect another Grand Secretary in his stead, whereupon the Lodge proceeding to the ballot and following Brethren were duly elected:

Bro. Wm Moore Smith, Esq.,	Grand Master.
" Gavin Hamilton,	D^{y} Grand Master.
" Thos Town,	Sr Grand Warden.
" Thos Armstrong, Esq.,	J^{r} Grand Warden.
" Geo. A. Baker,	Grand Secretary.
" John McElwee,	Grand Treas.

Grand Lodge, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27th, 5796.

Present : the R. W. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Esq., G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 50, 52, 67, 71.

The Lodge then proceeded to the installment of the officers elect, when the Right Worshipful William Moore Smith, Esq., was duly installed and proclaimed as Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to ancient custom and usage.

Bro. Praise Wadman, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, then installed Bro. Thomas Town, Sen. Grd Warden, Bro. Thomas Armstrong, Jun. Grd Warden, Brother John McElwee, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. George A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed the following officers for the ensuing year, viz. :

Cadwallader Griffith,	Sen. Grd Deacon.
James Milnor, Esq.,	Jun. Grd Deacon.
Rev. Dr. John Andrews,	Grd Chaplain.
Richard R. Cusack,	Grd Sword Bearer.
Thomas Proctor,	Grd Marshal.
Daniel McKaraher, and David Irving,	Grd Stewards.

Thomas Town, Daniel McKaraher, and John McElwee, Room Committee, Walter Corry, Grand Pursuivant, John Wheeler, Grd Tyler.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to our Bro. Geo. Washington, President of the United States, presented an address by them drawn up, which was ordered to be read, and in the words following, to wit :

TO GEO. WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA :

MOST RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER : "Having announced your intention to retire from Public *Labor* to that *Refreshment* to which your pre-eminent services for near half a century have so justly entitled you ; Permit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at this last Feast of our Evangelic Master St. John, on which we can

hope for an immediate Communication with you, to join the grateful voice of our Country in acknowledging that you have carried forth the principles of the Lodge into every walk of your life by your constant labors for the prosperity of that Country, by your unremitting endeavors to promote Order, Union and Brotherly Affection amongst us, and lastly by the vows of your farewell address to your brethren and fellow Citizens: an address which we trust our children and our children's children will ever look upon as a most invaluable legacy from a *Friend*, a *Benefactor* and a *Father*.

"To these our grateful acknowledgments (leaving to the impartial pen of History to record the important events in which you have borne so illustrious a part) permit us to add our most fervent prayers, that after enjoying to the utmost span of Human Life every felicity which the Terrestrial Lodge can afford, you may be received by the Great Master Builder of this World and of Worlds unnumbered into the ample felicity of that *Celestial Lodge*, in which alone distinguished virtues and distinguished labors can be eternally rewarded."

It was then moved and seconded that the same be adopted. Upon the question being taken it appeared that it was approved. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to wait on Bro. Washington to acquaint him that it is the intention of this Gr^d Lodge to present an address to him, and to know what time he shall be pleased to appoint to receive it.

The Committee appointed to perform this duty were Bros. William Smith, Peter Le Barbier Du Plessis, and Thomas Proctor, who, after having waited on him, reported that he had appointed to-morrow 12 o'clock to receive it. Said Committee, to wit: Bros. W. Smith, Du Plessis, and Proctor, together with the R. W. D. G. M., Senior and Junior Wardens, Grand Secretary, and the Masters of the different Lodges in the city, were then appointed a deputation to present the said address.

The Report brought forward by the Grand Committee of Correspondence on the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts stated that the First and Second articles of the said communication came within and were conformable to the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, but upon the Third article contained in the said Communication they made the following mo-

tion: "That this Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons resident in this State, who hold authority under, and acknowledge the supremacy of any other Grand Lodge within the same, or who do not by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge." Which motion having been seconded, was after some debate thereon ordered to be continued over for further consideration.

A petition from a number of Brethren residing in and near this city was read, setting forth that they had separated from Lodge No. 67 held in this city, and praying a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, and that Bro. Andrew Baum may be constituted Master, Bro. George Willing, Sen. Warden, and Bro. Christian Scheetz, Jun. Warden.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that the Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, to be numbered 72.

On motion and seconded, that Brother Thomas Armstrong, J. G. W., have leave to deliver an oration which he was prepared to deliver in the Lodge Room, which being allowed of, Brother Armstrong delivered an oration and received the thanks of the Lodge.

On motion and seconded, it was agreed that this Grand Lodge should be adjourned to Monday evening next at 6 o'clock, at which time the installation of R. W. D. G. M. should take place, and the motion made respecting the Communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be taken into further consideration.

Adjourned Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, January 2d, 5797.

Present: the Right Worshipful WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 55, 59, 65, 67, 71.

The Worshipful Gavin Hamilton, Jr., was then installed as Deputy Grand Master, and proclaimed as such.

The motion made at the last Communication respecting part of the communication received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was again taken into consideration, and some time spent in debating

thereon, but upon motion made and seconded, the further consideration of the same was postponed until the next Quarterly Communication.

The Deputation appointed on St. John's Day to present the address on that day agreed to, to our Bro. Geo. Washington, reported that they had waited on him and presented him the said address, and that he had returned them an answer, which is in the words following:

FELLOW-CITIZENS AND BROTHERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA: "I have received your address with all the feelings of Brotherly affection mingled with those sentiments for the Society which it was calculated to excite. To have been, in any degree, an instrument in the hands of Providence to promote Order and Union, and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles of Government, is only to have shared with many others in a labor, the result of which, let us hope, will prove through all ages a sanctuary for Brothers, and a Lodge for the virtues.

"Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my temporal happiness, and to supplicate that we may all meet thereafter in that Eternal Temple whose builder is the Great Architect of the Universe."*

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, March 6th, A. L. 5797.

Present: the R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 45, 51, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72.

A communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 2d December, 5796, was read. It enclosed a list of the officers of the said R. W. G. Lodge, as also a list of the late expulsions made by them.

Bro. Israel Israel presented the report of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye-Laws of this Grand Lodge, which, on motion made and seconded, was read. On motion made and seconded, the same was read a second time. On motion made and seconded,

* The original of the foregoing letter is now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, and is to be seen in the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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Fellow-citizens and Brothers,
of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

G. Washington

27 Decr 1796

Answer of Brother George Washington
to the Address to him from the
Grand Lodge —

Read in G. L. March 1797

Memorandum accompanying the Letter.

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Memorandum accompanying the Letter.

Resolved, that the same lie over for consideration until the next Quarterly Communication. On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, that 200 copies of the said report be printed and transmitted to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge for consideration.

A petition from Bro. Israel Israel and divers other brethren was read, praying that brethren who have passed the Chair by dispensation may not be considered as members of the Grand Lodge. On motion made and seconded, it was ordered to lie over until the next Quarterly Communication.

Bro. Israel Israel communicated that a Lodge was said to be held in this city by a number of people of black color, that in consequence of an invitation, he, together with several other Brethren, went to visit them last week at an house in Front street, where they were then holding a Lodge as they called it, but that he found they were not acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Masters of the different Lodges under this jurisdiction be informed that it is the order of this Gr^d Lodge that none of the members of our Lodges visit the said pretended Masons of Black Colour, on pain of expulsion.

Extra Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, May 20th, A. L. 5797.

Present: The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 56, 59, 61, 65, 71, 72.

A petition from Langny de la Boissiere and others was read stating that since they had been favoured with a dispensation from the Right Worshipful Grand Master for holding a Lodge in this city, they had carried on their Masonic works with that zeal they conceived to be the duty of all good Masons. That their works, they trusted, would meet with approbation, and now pray that a warrant may be granted them for holding a Lodge in this city under the name of the French Lodge Amenity, and to be numbered agreeably to the Bye-Laws of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that the said Langny de la Boissiere may be constituted Master, Gabriel de Combaez, Senior Warden, and Armand Caignet, Junior Warden. A mo-

tion was made and seconded that the prayer of the said petition be granted. Upon the question being taken it appeared that it was carried in the affirmative. A warrant was thereupon ordered to be made out agreeably to the prayer of the said petition, and to be numbered 73.

A communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of New York, dated first March 1797, containing a list of the officers of the said R. W. G. Lodge and a list of the Lodges under their jurisdiction, was read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated 1st March last, enclosing a pamphlet containing divers of their minutes and regulations, and a list of rejections and expulsions, was read.

A Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, dated 6th of March last, enclosing the Constitution, Bye-Laws, and ordinances, and sundry minutes of the said R. W. G. Lodge, as also lists of rejections and expulsions, was read.

Special Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, May 22d, A. L. 5797.

Present: The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then installed Langny de la Boissiere Master of the new Lodge, called the French Lodge Amenity, numbered 73, to be held in the City of Philadelphia or within 5 miles thereof, delivered him his warrant, and invested him with the jewel of his office, and having been placed in the Chair, he was saluted by the brethren.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 5th, A. L. 5797.

Present: The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 57, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

The report of the Committee on Bye-Laws was then taken up. The 1st article therein having been read and some time debated upon, the petition which had at the last Quarterly Communication been

presented and read praying that Past Masters by dispensation may not be considered members of this Grand Lodge was called for and read, after which the debate on said first article was continued for some time, when on an adjournment being called for, this Grand Lodge was adjourned until this day fortnight, being the 19th, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Adjourned Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, June 19th, A. L. 5797.

Present: The R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

The Report of the Committee on the Bye-Laws was taken up for further consideration. The first section of the said report was then read. A motion was made and seconded, to insert the words "to be made in future" after the word "past master" in that part of the said section which says, "but no past Master by dispensation shall as such be a member of this Grand Lodge," so that the same would read, "but no Past Master to be made in future by dispensation shall as such be a member of this Graud Lodge." After some time spent in debating on the same, the question was taken, when it appeared that the said amendment was adopted. It was then moved and seconded that the words "and such Past Masters as have served six months in the Chair of some such regular Lodge" be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "and a representation in the proportion of one for every fifteen members, of which each Lodge respectively may consist." After considerable debate the yeas and nays were called for, to be taken by ballot, which being done, it appeared that the motion was lost, 36 votes for and 41 against it. The said section as amended then read as follows: "The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania shall consist of the Grand Officers for the time being, of the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, the present Masters and Wardens of all regular Lodges under this jurisdiction, and such Past Masters as have served 6 months in the Chair of some such regular Lodge, but no past Master to be made in future by dispensation

shall as such be a member of this Grand Lodge. Nor shall any person be a member of the same unless he is also a member of some regular lodge under this jurisdiction." Upon the question being taken it appeared that the said section as the same was amended was agreed to. The further consideration of the said report was then postponed.

Saint John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 24th of June, A. L. 5797.

Present, the R. W. THOMAS TOWN, Grand Master, *pro tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 56, 51, 52, 65, 67, 71, 73.

A letter from the African Lodge, as they style themselves, held in the city of Philadelphia, was read, requesting this Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee to inspect, and if deserving, to acknowledge them, etc., etc., and praying our protection.

Referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts received in December last was now taken up, the consideration of the motion which was made in consequence thereof on St. John's day last in the words following:

"That this Grand Lodge will not hold Communication or Correspondence with, or admit as visitors any Masons resident in this State who hold authority under and acknowledge the supremacy of any other Grand Lodge within the same, or who do not by their representation communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge," and which was continued over for further consideration, was resumed. After some debate thereon, the question was taken, when it appeared that the said motion was agreed to, there being but two dissenting voices. On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Committee of Correspondence answer the said Communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and acquaint them with our proceedings thereon.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of New York, which was read the 20th May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to answer.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Connecticut,

which was read 20th of May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to answer.

The Communication from the R. W. G. Lodge of Virginia, which was read 20th of May last, was now again read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to answer.

On account of a contagious disease* which raged in the lower parts of the city of Philadelphia, the regular Quarterly Communication was not held on the first Monday, being 4th day of September, 1797.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, December 4th, A. L. 5797.

Present, the R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

A petition from No. 5, at Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware State, was read; it set forth that from various causes, such as Death, Removal, Inability, &c., of Brethren, they had been reduced to such a state of inaction as that they had (four Lodge nights excepted) been forced to close their labors from the 25th August, 1791, to the 30th March, 1797, at which time they had opened their work with a fair prospect of a sufficient number of workmen again to carry on the rules of the Craft with Harmony and Brotherly Love, and praying that considering the small number of Brethren, and the exhausted state of their funds, this R. W. Gr^d Lodge would release them from all those dues in which they stand indebted, or at least during their six years' inaction.

On motion, the same was referred to Bros. Irving, Wolbert, and Andrew Wilson to report thereon.

The Report of the Committee appointed last St. John's day on the accounts of Lodge No. 3 with this G. L. was read and approved of, whereby the following articles formerly belonging to Lodge No. 3 have become the property of this G. L., to wit:

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* Yellow fever.

Bible, at the cost of	. . . . .	$7.57
Cushing, "	. . . . .	9.30
Floor Cloth, "	. . . . .	32.00
3 doz. Chairs, "	. . . . .	36.00
Chandelier, "	. . . . .	29.06
4 Benches, "	. . . . .	12.00
		$125.93

and the said accounts stand finally closed and settled up to St. John's day last.

The Committee of Correspondence presented copies of letters written by them in answer to the late Communications from the G. Lodges of New York, Virginia, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, and a letter written by them to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts respecting the African Lodge (as they style themselves) held in this city, all of which were ordered to lie on the table.

The R. W. G. Master then informed the brethren that this was the day appointed by the bye-laws for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year. At the same time he mentioned that for divers reasons it was not convenient for him to serve in the Chair any longer, and therefore requested that some other Brother might be chosen to fill the same. The Lodge (after having been called off for a short time from labor to refreshment) then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Brethren were duly elected, viz.:

The R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq.,	Grand Master, unanimously elected.
Gavin Hamilton,	Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas Town,	Senior Grand Warden.
David Irving,	Junior Grand Warden.
George A. Baker,	Grand Secretary, unanimously.
John McElwee,	Grand Treasurer, unanimously.

On motion made and seconded, Bros. Duplessis, Baum, and Baker were appointed a Committee to wait on the R. W. G. M. Elect, and acquaint him that he has been unanimously elected to fill the office of G. M. for the ensuing year.

A motion was made and seconded, that the lot of ground in this city, which our late Joseph Dean presented to this G. L. when he was in prosperity, be given to his widow (who is now in very re-

duced circumstances) during all the term of her natural life, so that any incomes and profits arising thereout during all that time be for her own use and benefit. Ordered to lay over for consideration.

A motion was made and seconded that there be a procession on St. John's day next. On the question being taken, it was negatived.

St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 5797.

Present, the R. W. WILLIAM MOORE SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

The R. W. William Moore Smith then proceeded to the installation of the R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, the Grand Master elect, which being duly done, he was thrice proclaimed by Bro. Grand Secretary Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to ancient custom and usage.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect not attending, his installation could not take place.

Bro. Duplessis, by desire of the R. W. G. M., then proceeded to the installation of

Bro. Thomas Town as Senior Grand Warden,
" David Irving as Junior Grand Warden,
" George A. Baker as Grand Secretary, and
" John McElwee as Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. G. M. then addressed the lodge on the subject of his election, whereupon a motion was made and seconded "that the R. W. G. M. be pleased to accept the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his precious instruction and affectionate address delivered this day, and that he be desired to favour this Grand Lodge with a copy thereof to be entered on the minutes of the day for the information and remembrance of the brethren," which request the R. W. G. M. promised to comply with.

A Petition from a number of brethren was read, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in the town of Concord, Fannet Township, in the County of Franklin, which being recommended agreeable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded,

ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of John Johnston, Master, Thomas Wright, Senior Warden, and James Widney, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be called No. 74.

Bro. Gr^d Secy presented a book which was sent him from the Post Office on the 6th inst. He stated that it was enclosed in a packet addressed "The Worshipful the Master, Freemason's Lodge, Philadelphia;" that upon opening the packet he found it to contain the said book without any letter or other paper accompanying it; that upon making enquiry at the Post Office through what channel it reached there, he learnt that it had been received per ship Fair America, from Plymouth. The title-page of the said book reads as follows: "This is the Light which is promised shall cover the Earth as the Waters cover the Sea, Isaiah 11:9; Habak. 2:14. The true knowledge of God and Man, of the great Sabbath on Earth, and of the Restoration of all things, with some essential remarks on the duty we owe to our Creator. London, Published at No. 2 Walbrook, and may also be had of any bookseller in the world, 1797. Entered at Stationers' Hall."

The Committee appointed at the last Qrly Communication on the Petition of Lodge No. 5 reported that upon taking the premises into consideration, it was their opinion that Lodge No. 5 should pay the sum of Thirty Dollars into the Charity Fund, which report upon consideration was ordered to be recommitted; and on motion made and seconded, the Gr^d Secy was directed to write to Lodge No. 5, acquainting them that by reason of their long inaction they could not constitutionally work under their warrant without the sanction of this Gr^d Lodge; that he recommend to them to transmit their warrant to this Gr^d Lodge, attended with their petition setting forth all the facts contained in their late representation to this Gr^d Lodge, and praying therein that this Gr^d Lodge would authorize them to carry on their works under the said warrant, so that upon the said petition this Gr^d Lodge may, by endorsement on said warrant, authorize and empower them again to carry on their works under the same.

The minutes of this day were then read, and this Grand Lodge was adjourned (at 2 o'clock P.M.) to meet again on the 3d Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

In the evening of Saint John's day, December 27th, A. L. 5797, in Lodge No. 71, held in the Grand Lodge Room, in the City of Philadelphia, a Master Mason's Lodge being opened in the presence of the R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., Grand Master, Bro. Baker, Grand Secretary, presented to the R. W. Grand Master the new warrant ordered this day to be made out in the names of John Johnston, Master, Thomas Wright, Senior Warden, and James Widney, Junior Warden, for holding a Lodge to be called No. 74 in the town of Concord, in Franklin Co., completely finished and recorded, whereupon Bro. William Nelson, W. M^tr of Lodge No. 71, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master installed Bro. John Johnston according to ancient form, the said warrant No. 74, together with a book of the Constitution and the Bye-Laws of this Grand Lodge, were thereupon delivered him, and he was recognized as Master of Lodge No. 74 and saluted accordingly.

Geo. A. Baker,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

Philadelphia, Monday, January 15th, A. L. 5798.

Present: R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 56, 59, 65, 71.

The R. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments to wit:

Bro.	Cadwallader Griffith	to office of	Senr Grd. Deacon,
"	James Milnor	"	Junr Grd. Deacon,
"	Revd B^r Doct^r John Andrews	"	Grand Chaplain,
"	Daniel McKaraher	"	Grand Stewards,
"	Andrew Wilson		
"	Richard R. Cusack		Grand Sword Bearer,
"	Thomas Proctor	"	Grand Marshal,
"	William Healy	"	Grand Pursuivant,
"	John Whelan	"	Grand Tyler,
"	Thomas Town	"	Room Committee.
"	Daniel McKarraher		
"	John Barker		

The Report of the Committee on the Bye-Laws continued over for further consideration on the 19th day of June last was then taken up.

The second section of the said report was then read. A motion was made and seconded, to strike out the words "the hours of meeting from Sept. until March shall be six, and from March till September, 7 o'clock in the evening," and to insert in lieu thereof the words *at* 10 *o'clock in the morning.* After some debate the question was taken, when it appeared that the motion was lost.

A motion was then made and seconded, that in that part of the said section which reads thus, "the Grand Secretary shall cause Public Notice to be given in one or more of the public Newspapers of the city of Philadelphia on the two Mondays," the word "Two" be struck out and the word "*four*" inserted. Upon the question being taken (after some time spent in debating thereon) it was carried in the affirmative.

A motion was then made and seconded to strike out the words "and shall send summons to all the members in or within three miles of the place of such meeting," on the question being taken it was negatived. A motion was then made and seconded to strike out the words "all the members in or within three miles of the place of such meeting," and insert the words "*All the Masters of lodges in the city or within three miles of the place of such meeting, who shall cause notice to be given to the members of their lodges who are members of the Grand Lodge,*" which motion was negatived.

The said section as amended then read as follows: "The Grand Lodge shall have four Communications in every year, which shall be on the first Monday in March, June, September, and December (the hour of meeting from September to March shall be six, and from March to September seven o'clock in the Evening), and the different Lodges are to attend on these days by their proper officers or deputies, with or without notice for that purpose, nevertheless the Grand Secretary shall cause public notice to be given in one or more of the public newspapers of the city of Philadelphia on the four Mondays preceding and on that of the meeting of each Communication, and shall send summons to all the members in or within three miles of the place of such meeting." On the question being taken, it appeared that the said section as amended was agreed to.

The third section of said report was then read. It was moved and seconded to strike out the words, "but any distant lodge may be represented by a proxy." On taking the question it was negatived. The said section is in the words following:

"Lodges in the city of Philadelphia or within three miles of it shall be represented in Grand Lodge at each Quarterly Communication by their Master and Wardens, or either of them, but any distant Lodge may be represented by a proxy. None but a Master Mason who has passed the Chair in some regular lodge can be admitted as a proxy of any Lodge, and his Commission as proxy must be under the seal of the Lodge which appoints him, signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary. But no member shall act as the proxy for more than one Lodge at the same time."

The question being taken on said section, it was agreed to.

The further consideration of the said report was then postponed, and the Grand Lodge was adjourned at 10 o'clock P.M. to Monday next the 22d inst. at 6 o'clock P.M.

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 22d, 5798.

Present, the Right Worshipful JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71, 72.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then proceeded to the installation of the R. W. Gavin Hamilton, the Deputy Grand Master elect, which being done, he was by Bro. Grand Secretary thrice proclaimed Deputy Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to ancient custom and usage.

An extract from the minutes of Lodge No. 57, held at Newtown, Bucks Co., of the first of December last, by way of petition to this Grand Lodge and the different Lodges of this city, was read.

It set forth that said Lodge since its establishment had had many difficulties to encounter for want of a permanent place of meeting

in which they could with safety keep their records, etc., for remedy whereof they had undertaken a building for that purpose, in which they had so far succeeded as to have it completely enclosed, but their funds falling short of completing it, they solicit donations to enable them to complete the same and appointing Bros. Foulke, Van Horn, and Wertz a Committee to visit the Philadelphia Lodges with a view of procuring their brotherly assistance to complete said Building.

At the same time a letter from the Worshipful Master of said Lodge to Bros. Van Horn and Foulke was read. It contained a description of the building, and estimated that it was considered that a donation of five hundred dollars would complete the edifice.

On motion made and seconded, Brothers Milnor, Heckling, J. W. McElwee, Watson, and Robert Taylor were appointed a Committee to take the premises into consideration and report thereon.

[The consideration of the Bye-Laws was resumed at this and subsequent meetings, and finally adopted March 4th, 1799.]

Grand Lodge by Adjournment.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, January 26th, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 62, 65, 67, 71, 72.

[Bye-Laws considered.]

Special Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, February 1st, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master informed them that he had convened them for the purpose of installing the master of a new Lodge, No. 70, to be held at Tioga Point, in the County of Luzerne, under a warrant granted the 6th day of July, A. L. 5796, which installation,

by reason of sickness of Bro. Arnold Colt, the Master named in the said warrant, and other intervening circumstances, had not yet taken place.

Bro. Colt was then brought forward, and Bro. Irving, by direction of the R. W. Grand Master, proceeded to the installation, which ceremony being performed and Bro. Colt placed in the Chair, he was recognized as Master of said Lodge No. 70, and saluted accordingly.

Brother Jesse Fell, a member of Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, in the County of Luzerne, then appeared and produced the election return of the said Lodge, whereby it appeared that he had been duly elected Master of the same for the term of 12 months from St. John's day last. Bro. Fell stated that he had not yet been installed, owing to the want of a sufficient number of past Masters in said Lodge, and requested that his installation might then take place. Whereupon the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to direct Bro. Irving to install Bro. Fell, which being done he was placed in the Chair and recognized as Master of Lodge No. 61, and saluted accordingly.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5th, 5798.

Present: the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72.

The committee appointed at the adjourned Grand Lodge, held on the 22d January last, on the petition of Lodge No. 57, held at Newtown, made their report in the words following:

"The committee appointed to take into consideration and make report on the application of Newtown Lodge, No. 57, beg leave to report it as their opinion and recommendation that one hundred dollars be granted out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to said Lodge No. 57, for the purpose of assisting it in completing the building for Masonic purposes which they have begun, and they also beg leave to advise that this Grand Lodge recommend the subject to the consideration of the several lodges in this city, for their brotherly aid in so good a work;" which report was not approved of.

A motion was made and seconded that the sum of eighty dollars be granted by the Grand Lodge to Lodge No. 57, for purposes above mentioned. Passed in the negative.

A motion was then made and seconded to grant the sum of fifty dollars for the above purpose. Carried in the affirmative.

The report of the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of Lodge No. 9 with this Grand Lodge was read. It appeared thereby that said accounts were settled up to St. John's Day last, at which time there was a balance due from No. 9 this G. L. $119.01, which report was accepted; by the said settlement, the following articles of Room Furniture have become the property of this Gr. Lodge, viz.:

Stove and sundry pipe at a cost of	. . . . .	$44.83
Six chairs,	"	8.00
A mahogany cupboard,	"	16.00
Two pine tables,	"	8.00
Four benches,	"	4.00
		$80 83

A copy of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter established under the authority of this Gr. Lodge was received, read, and approved of.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

Held under the protection of, and supported by, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, unanimously agreed to and established at a Grand Chapter held in Philadelphia, February 24th, 1798, *and confirmed in Grand Lodge, 5th March,* 1798.

Ancient Masonry consists of four degrees: the three first of which are that of the *Apprentice*, the *Fellow-Craft* and the sublime degree of *Master;* and a brother being well versed in these degrees, and having discharged the offices of his Lodge, particularly that of

Master, and fulfilled the duties thereof with the approbation of the brethren of his Lodge, is eligible, on due trial and examination by the Chiefs of the Chapter to whom he shall have applied and by them found worthy, of being admitted to the fourth degree, *The Holy Royal Arch.*

It follows, of course, that every regular warranted Lodge possesses the power of forming and holding Lodges in each of those several degrees; the last of which, from its pre-eminence, is denominated amongst Masons *a Chapter.*

That the said Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch may be established, held, and conducted with the regularity, discipline, and solemnity becoming the sublime intention with which they have from time immemorial been held as an essential component part of *Ancient Masonry*, and that which is the perfection and end of the Beautiful System, the Excellent Masons of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, according to the *old institutions*, assembled and constitutionally convened in General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, have carefully collected, revised, and adopted the following regulations for the government thereof; that under the sanction of the Grand Lodge they may be transmitted to every regular warranted Lodge on the register, and be solemnly and finally made a part of the Book of Laws and Regulations for the Craft.

I. That no Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be held or convened within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, but under the authority and sanction of a regular subsisting warrant granted by the Grand Lodge according to the old institutions, and by the consent of said Lodge first signified to the Grand Chapter.

II. That no Chapter of Holy Royal Arch shall be convened and held for the purpose of making Royal Arch Masons, unless six regular registered Royal Arch Masons be present.

III. That no brother shall be admitted into the Holy Royal Arch but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of *Worshipful Master* in his Lodge to the satisfaction of his brethren, or *passed the chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master upon the recommendation of his said Lodge;* to ascertain which they shall deliver to him in open Lodge a certificate to the following purport:

"*To the presiding Chiefs of the*
Chapter of Excellent Royal Arch Masons
Under the sanction of Lodge No. :

"*Whereas*, Our truly and well-beloved brother, , a Geometric Master Mason and member of our Lodge, has solicited us to recommend him as a Master Mason, every way qualified, so far as we are judges of the necessary qualifications, for passing the *Holy Arch;* we do hereby certify that the said , our trusty and well-beloved brother, has obtained the consent of our Lodge No. , for the recommendation and signing of this certificate."

Given under our hands and the seal of our said Lodge, this day of , 17 , Anno Lucis 57 .

A. *M.*
[L. S.] B. *S. W.*
C. *J. W.*
Secretary.

IV. That a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch shall be held half-yearly on the third Monday in June and December in each year; that every warranted Lodge shall be directed to summon its Excellent Royal Arch members to attend the same, and that none but past and present officers of Chapters duly and regularly formed under the sanction of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and registered, and past and present Grand Officers (being Royal Arch Masons) shall be members thereof; and Royal Arch Masons, members of private Chapters and certified sojourners, to be admitted as visitors only.

V. That for the better preservation of the supreme degree of Freemasonry a register shall be kept by the scribes of all brothers admitted to the Most Excellent degree; and a return of brothers so admitted by the private Chapters of their own or other Lodges, mentioning the names and times of exalting every brother, shall be presented at the General Grand Chapters held half-yearly as aforesaid, to be entered in the register book of the General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

VI. That General Grand Chapters may be held more frequently

if occasion may require, application for that purpose being made by at least six excellent Masons to the Grand Chiefs, or on the direction being given by the presiding Grand Chief. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency no established law shall be altered, and no new law that may be made shall be conclusive and binding until ratified and confirmed by a regular half-yearly General Grand Chapter. But at such General Grand Chapters of emergency certificates for registry may be granted.

VII. That on the admission of a new brother the form of the return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify that in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, convened and held under the sanction and authority of the warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No. , our beloved brothers A. B., C. D., E. F., and G. H. having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason, and to have passed the chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons."

Given under our hands and the seal of our Chapter this day of , in the year of Masonry 57 , and in the year of our Lord 17 .

[L.S.] A. Z. B. H. C. J. } *Chiefs.*

Scribe.

VIII. That all registered Royal Arch Masons shall be entitled to a Grand Royal Arch certificate on the payment of two silver dollars of the United States for the same, which shall be applied as follows, to wit: a dollar and thirty-three cents for the Grand Scribe, he paying the expense of printing, parchment, ribbon, etc., and sixty-seven cents for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

IX. That the expenses of General Grand Chapters for Tylers, summonses, etc., shall be borne from the fund of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

X. That towards defraying the expenses of private Chapters a

sum not exceeding eight dollars shall be charged on and paid by the brother admitted at any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one dollar whereof shall be paid to the general grand fund on the registering of the brother, and twenty-five cents to the Grand Scribe, and the rest to be applied according to the direction of the private Chapters.

XI. That a member of any particular Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master Wardens and Secretary in open Lodge, and after due trial and examination, the brother being a Master Mason and duly registered, as shall appear under the hands of the Grand Secretary, and having passed the chair, shall, if approved by the Royal Arch Chapter to whom the brother is recommended, be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Mason; and that sojourners, not residents of the State of Pennsylvania, recommended by at least three well-known Past Master Masons or Most Excellent Royal Arch Masons, and on the approbation of the Chapter to whom they shall have applied, after due trial and examination as aforesaid, shall also be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Masons.

XII. That excellent brothers, producing proper certificates from any Chapter under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, in which they were admitted, to the satisfaction of the Grand Chiefs in Philadelphia, the Grand Scribe, or any two of them, shall be entitled to be registered and receive a Grand Royal Arch certificate immediately if required, for which the Grand Scribe shall make his report at the next Grand Chapter.

XIII. That at the half-yearly General Grand Chapter, held in December in every year, the said General Grand Chapter shall elect their officers, saving that the R. W. Grand Master for the time being, if of that degree, shall always preside as first Grand Chief, make their own by-laws, and shall hear and decide upon all complaints and appeals from Chapters held under warrants granted or to be granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. But the said Grand Chapter shall not at any time raise any brother to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, unless in cases of emergency, which shall be judged by the Grand Chiefs, or any two of them, and the moneys thus received shall be applied to the grand fund as hereinbefore directed with regard to private Chapters.

XIV. The Grand Chapter held in December in each year shall elect three Excellent Masters to assist the Grand Officers in visiting Lodges, etc., that the general uniformity of Ancient Masonry may be preserved, and handed down unchanged to posterity.

A true copy:

P. Le Barbier Duplessis, *G. S.*

A petition from a number of brethren was read praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Pughtown, Coventry Township, in the County of Chester, which being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Thomas Church, Master, John Worthington, Senior Warden, and Jesse Roberts, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be called No. 75.

A petition from divers brethren was read, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at the town of Newville, in Cumberland County, which being duly recommended, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Robert McKeain, Master, Robert Lusk, S. W., and Archibald McCoy, J. W., and that the said Lodge be called No. 76.

A communication from Lodge No. 72 was read, informing of the expulsion of A. B—— from the said Lodge, by a unanimous vote of the same, whereupon the said A. B—— presented a petition declaring his appeal from the proceedings of the said Lodge, which was granted, and the masters of the different Lodges in this city (except the masters of Lodges 72 and 73), seven of whom to form a quorum, were appointed a committee to make inquiry and report thereon.

In compliance with the resolution of this Gr^d^ Lodge of St. John's Day last, respecting Lodge No. 5, said Lodge now presented their warrant, together with their petition praying that this Gr^d^ Lodge by endorsement on said warrant would authorize them again to carry on their works under the same, and also praying to be exonerated from all arrearage dues until March 30th, 1797. On motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of said Petition be granted.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 19th of March, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 71, 72.

Visitor, Bro. Captain John (Indian).

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of the 28th of January last, was received and read. Ordered to lie on the table.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, of the 20th of January last, enclosing a copy of their Constitution and abstracts of divers of their minutes, were received and read. Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 23d April, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73.

A letter from Lodge No. 43, held at Lancaster, dated the 19th ulto., was read. It set forth that the Corporation of the Borough of Lancaster being about to build a new Market House, had offered at their own expense to erect pillars and arches strong and sufficient to support any superstructure that may be raised thereon, and make a good title for the sole use of the Lodge. That the Lodge had accepted the proposals, but in consideration of the high price of labor and the expense of building, request the Grand Lodge to release and acquit them of the payment of the dues now owing by them to the Charity fund, and to afford them any other assistance they may think proper.

On motion, the same was referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Milnor, Town, and I. Israel to report thereon.

The petition of Bro. William Nelson was read, setting forth that the petitioner from motives purely Masonic was induced to become security for Bro. Captain John Konkapot, of the Oneida tribe of

Indians, to Bro. Abraham Morrow for a gun Bro. Konkapot purchased of Bro. Morrow for the sum of 12½ dollars. That Bro. Konkapot having made a default in payment, the petitioner was obliged to pay the same, and praying the Grand Lodge to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief in the premises as to them should appear just and right. On motion, the same was referred to the Standing Committee of Charity.

The report of the Committee appointed on the petition of Bro. A—— B——, appealing from the vote of expulsion passed against him by Lodge No. 72, was presented and read. On motion, the same was read a second time.

A motion was made and seconded, that the said report be recommitted with instructions to the said Committee to report to this Grand Lodge the facts whereon their said report was grounded. On the question being taken, the motion was lost.

A motion was then made and seconded, that the written testimony wherein the report was founded be read. On the question being taken, the motion was lost.

It was then moved and seconded, that the consideration of the said report be postponed. On the question being taken, the said motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the first resolution in the said report, when the same was adopted. The question was then taken on the second resolution in said report, when the same was adopted.

A motion was then made and seconded, that the said report be entered on the minutes, that a copy thereof be transmitted to Lodge 72, and that a copy of the first resolution be forwarded to Bro. B——. On the question being taken, the said motion was carried. The said report is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The Committee, comprised of the Masters of Lodges in the city of Philadelphia, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. A—— B——, late Master of Lodge No. 72, appealing from the vote of expulsion passed against him by the said Lodge, and communicated by the said Lodge at the last Grand Quarterly Communication, beg respectfully leave to report:

"That they entered upon the duties of their appointment with all

that solemnity and deliberation which justice to the parties concerned and to Masonry called for at their hands; that upon due notice being given, the Committee of Lodge No. 72 and Bro. B—— attended before them, and brought forward respectively their allegations and proofs; that several meetings were had on the subject, the charges against Bro. B—— were severally examined and considered with the greatest attention, and after as accurate and close an examination as the Committee could possibly make, they are unanimously of the opinion that the charges which are brought forward against Bro. B—— are not well founded, and that there was not any just cause for expelling him from the said Lodge. To remove the impressions which this affair and the many groundless reports which have proceeded therefrom have made to the manifest injury of Bro. B——'s character and feelings, the Committee believe it right not only to state in the most explicit terms their confidence in his innocence so far as the same has been impeached by the proceedings which brought the matter before them, but to add also that Bro. B—— produced to them the most satisfactory testimonials of his good standing as a man and as a Mason previous to his residing in Philadelphia.

"The Committee, therefore, unanimously agree in recommending for the adoption of the R. W. Gr^d Lodge the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the vote of expulsion of Lodge No. 72, passed against Bro. B—— on 10th day of February last, be rescinded, and that he be reinstalled in all the privileges of a member of the said Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That the said Lodge No. 72 be required to expunge from their minutes the said vote of expulsion and all entries whatever which have any connection therewith.

DAVID IRVING, W. M., No. 2.
ISRAEL ISRAEL, W. M., No. 3.
ANDREW NILSON, W. M., No. 9.
CHARLES PATTON, W. M., No. 51.
CADW^r GRIFFITH, W. M., No. 52.
ROBERT JACKSON, W. M., No. 59.
THOMAS BRADLEY, W. M., No. 67.
WILLIAM NELSON, W. M., No. 71."

The first Tuesday in May, to which the G. L. adjourned, fell on the 1st day of May, being St. Tammany's day, by reason whereof but few of the members of the G. L. attended, whereupon the Brethren who met agreed not to proceed to business, but defer it to the next Quarterly Communication.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th June, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

A petition from divers brethren, residents of Charlestown and its vicinity, in Brooke County, in the State of Virginia, was received and read. It was in the words following, to wit:

"THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"The subscribers being Ancient York Masons and residents in Charlestown and its vicinity, in Brooke County and State of Virginia, desirous to establish a Lodge in this place, beg leave to solicit a warrant from the Gr. Lodge of Pennsylvania for that purpose. We are not certain as to the propriety of this application, having a Gr. Lodge in the State to which we belong, but the great distance and small intercourse between this place and the seat of the G. L. of Virginia render our application and communications very inconvenient, whereas our correspondence and occasional attendance of some of our officers may be had with the G. L. of Pa. with certainty and convenience.

"CHARLESTOWN, April 26th, 1798. William McKennan, Zenas Kimberly, John Agnew, Tho. M. K. Thompson, Richard Spees, James Clark, Solo Sibley, William Griffith, William Skinner, A. W. Griffin, Robert McClure, Vachel Dorsey," and endorsed as follows: "August 28th, 1798."

"The subscribers to the within petition met this day, and proceeded to elect and recommend the following brethren as officers, whose names may be inserted in the warrant from the Grand Lodge:

William McKennan, Master, Zenas Kimberly, Senior Warden, and John Agnew, Junior Warden, certified at the request of the brethren by W. McKennan."

At the same time a letter from said Bro. McKennan to Bro. Israel Israel, dated April 30th, 1798, was read, which among other things contained the following observations, to wit:

"In our petition we have expressed a doubt whether the G. L. of Pennsylvania can, or will, extend its jurisdiction to this place, being in Virginia. If there are any punctilio's between the Grand Lodges in this respect, we would wish them to be laid aside; indeed, I should suppose that the broad scale of Masonry would not measure narrowly, and that its operations would not be local, but be equally diffused with its noble principles.

"There are many reasons which we may forcibly urge in favor of the warrant from your Lodge; the correspondence which ought to be kept up; the fees arising to the Grand Lodge which is due from every branch thereof; and the attendance occasionally of members of our Lodge (which can be conveniently done by some of us who must visit the city half-yearly), are among the strong inducements to our application, whereas, should we fail in our request to you, we cannot combine, as the inconveniency of obtaining a warrant from the Grand Lodge of this State, added to the impossibility of paying that submission due from the inferior to the superior, will prevent an application thereto.

"It therefore rests with the G. L. of Pennsylvania whether the work of Masonry will be carried on in this part of the Western World. Let me assure you, we are anxious, and I flatter myself that the G. L. (if they grant our request) will not lose credit by our operations."

Which said petition was thereupon taken into consideration, but it being contrary to the established rules of this Grand Lodge to grant warrants for holding of Lodges within the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, and this Grand Lodge having in divers similar instances refused so to do, it was on motion

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary write to the R. W. G. L. of Virginia acquainting them with said application, and informing them that this G. L. shall not grant the prayer of the said petition without the approbation of the said R. W. Gr. Lodge, and that the

said petition do lay over until an answer shall be received on the subject from the said R. W. G. L. of Virginia.

A memorial from Lodge No. 72 was received and read. It was in the words following, to wit:

"To the R. W. Grd. Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

"The memorial of the Brethren of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, respectfully sheweth: That your memorialists consider themselves aggrieved by a late decision of the G. L., which not only reverses a decree of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, but implicates it in a severe censure by declaring the person innocent that was deemed unworthy to continue one of its members by a solemn, deliberate, and unanimous vote. Although your memorialists feel a respectful deference for the decisions of that body under whom they act, and from whom they derive their authority, yet on this occasion they must be pardoned for complaining of the late act of the G. L. as having been ex parte, precipitate, and not founded on testimony adduced to your body. The proceedings against A—— B—— were not the result of intemperance, prejudice, or precipitancy; they were founded on a state of facts which in the opinion of your memorialists warranted the expulsion of any man from the brotherhood who had been guilty of so gross a violation of things held sacred among upright Masons. Notwithstanding your memorialists were fully competent to prove to your satisfaction that the decree of expulsion was necessary and just, they were not even permitted to substantiate their allegations, they were not even heard in support of their decision. If an individual has a right to be heard in defence of his character and conduct, can there exist any reasonable objection to hearing a number thus implicated? Surely, if the right exists in one, it acquires strength when numbers are involved, and to deny it to many and grant it to one would be an inversion of those rules which ought to direct men in every society. The reversal of the decree of your memorialists is to them what the vote of expulsion was to A—— B——, it is a denunciation affecting their principles and their character.

To filch from a Brother his good name is a crime of the first magnitude in morals, and is not less so in Masonry. The decision then of the G. L. stigmatizes your memorialists as guilty of this

crime, for if A—— B—— is innocent, no one can deny the inference that Lodge No. 72 must be guilty, not like him, guilty * * * * but guilty of the base crime of robbing a Brother of his good name. Implicated then in a way which covers your memorialists with shame and disgrace, recorded in the transactions of your body as having been guilty of the foul deed of aspersing the character of an innocent Brother, and that too without an opportunity being given to your memorialists to extenuate or justify their conduct, they cannot suffer the reproach without complaint, nor without requesting of the G. L. a reconsideration of their decision to enable your memorialists to be heard.

Should a request so reasonable and so just be refused, your memorialists are free to declare, and they will be pardoned the declaration, that sooner than acquiesce under an imputation so dishonorable to them, they will withdraw themselves from a jurisdiction where justice is excluded and surrender that authority under which they have heretofore acted.

By order of the Brethren of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72.

FRANCIS C. DEIMLING,
Secty *p. t.*, Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72.

April 30, A. L. 5798.

N. B.—The above memorial was agreed to by all the brethren present except one."

Which petition, on motion made and seconded, was rejected.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADA., Monday, 18th June, Anno Lucis 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 9, 21, 45, 52, 56, 71.

By reason of so few of the members attending, the Grand Lodge did not proceed to business.

Grand Communication.

Held at Philadelphia on Monday, June 25th, in lieu of St. John's day, which fell on Sunday, Anno Lucis 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a lesser seal for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved,* That those Lodges who have not yet reported their proceedings on the plan respecting subscriptions to the Dispensary, be requested to make report to the Standing Committee of Charity as soon as convenient, and that the said Committee be authorized to receive the monies contributed, and to carry the said plan into effect.

Extra Grand Lodge.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 10th July, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 65, 67, 71, 73.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of laying before them a petition received by him praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge. The said petition was then read. It was from a number of brethren residing at Port D'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad, who had formerly been members of a Lodge held at St. Lucie, under a warrant obtained from France, but by the commotions in the Islands had been removed from thence, and praying this R. W. Grand Lodge to grant them a warrant to hold a Lodge at Port D'Espagne, aforesaid, which being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayers of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Benoist Dert, Master, —— De Gaimes, Senior Warden, and François

Figuieres, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be called "Lodge Les Freres Unis," No. 77.

On account of the Yellow Fever raging violently in the City of Philadelphia, and almost all the inhabitants having fled to the country, the stated Quarterly Communication of the G. L. was not held on the first Monday, being the 3d day of September, 1798.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, 3d December, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 65, 67, 71, 73.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada, dated 10th May last, enclosing a list of Grand Officers for the ensuing year and a list of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, dated 18th May last, enclosing a list of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Communication from Lodge No. 47, at Port au Prince, was read and referred to Bros. Duplessis, Gardette, and Milnor, to consider and report thereon. Said Communication was accompanied by a return of the standing members of said Lodge, being 25 in number.

Bro. Duplessis, proxy of No. 47, represented that said Lodge, after having been obliged by reason of the disturbances in the Islands, their Lodge being burnt, etc., to suspend their Masonic operations, had again begun and were carrying on their works, and as a commutation for the dues owing from them to this Grand Lodge he offered to pay the sum of twenty pounds, of which a motion was made and seconded, and on the question being taken, it was carried.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that all further Communications now before this Grand Lodge do lie over in order that the Lodge may now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The R. W. Grand Master then informed the brethren that this was the evening appointed by the by-laws for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and having placed the Senior Grand Warden in the Chair, the R. W. G. M. left the room.

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Upon the ballots being taken, it appeared that the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. The R. W. G. M. then returned into the Lodge, was informed of his being unanimously elected to the office of Grand Master, and again took the Chair. The Lodge then continued the election, and Bro. Israel Israel was elected Deputy Grand Master,

Bro. James Milnor was elected Senior Grand Warden,

Bro. Charles Patton was elected Junr Grand Warden,

Bro. Geo. A. Baker was unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary, and

Bro. John McElwee was unanimously re-elected Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th December, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 12, 45, 51, 52, 65, 67, 71.

The petition of W—— T——, formerly a member of Lodge No. 56, held at Carlisle, was read. It stated that he had regularly withdrawn from said Lodge and obtained a Grand Lodge certificate, and that some considerable time after, and when he was no longer a member of the said Lodge, he had been expelled, and praying of this Grand Lodge a due investigation of his Masonic conduct and character, and of the proceedings of the said Lodge concerning his expulsion. Said petition was accompanied with a certificate under the seal of Lodge No. 45, held at Pittsburgh, dated 6th of November last, certifying that during the said petitioner's residence in Pittsburgh he had behaved himself as an industrious, sober, careful, worthy citizen.

A letter under the seal of Lodge No. 56, dated the 13th July last, to Bro. James McDonald, proxy of the said Lodge, setting forth the cause of the said expulsion, was then read, whereupon, on

motion made and seconded, the said petition and all matters relating thereto were referred to Bros. Israel Israel, Milnor, Griffith, Baker, and Watson to examine and report thereon.

A motion was made and seconded to take up the report of the Committee on the By-laws for further consideration. On the question being taken it was lost.

Grand Communication, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 27th, A. L. 5798.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 73, 75.

The committee appointed on the 17th inst. on the petition of Bro. W—— T——, made report in the words following:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The committee appointed on the petition of Bro. W—— T——, complaining of his expulsion from Lodge No. 56, at Carlisle, beg leave respectfully to report,

"That they have examined and considered the documents and other proofs with which they have been furnished, and find that by the returns of the said Lodge, it appears that our said brother was expelled by Lodge No. 56, on the 8th of March, 5797, and that he had previously obtained a certificate of discharge from the said Lodge, and in consequence thereof a certificate from this R. W. G^d Lodge, which latter certificate is dated October 3d, 5795. Of course it was not in the power of Lodge No. 56 to expel Brother T——, he not being at the time it took place a member thereof; the Committee do not think it necessary to add anything relative to the merits of the ground of expulsion stated by the Lodge, but from what has appeared to them they believe it right to state that the proceedings of Lodge No. 56 in this instance have not exactly squared with the rules of Masonry, and they feel anxious that care should be observed by the Lodges under our jurisdiction to weigh the causes of complaint against their members very seriously before they pronounce the most solemn and severe punishment Masonry can inflict. In the case submitted to the Committee they recommend a resolution of the G. L. declar-

ing the expulsion of Bro. W—— T—— to be unmasonic and void. Signed, Israel Israel, John Barker, Cadwallader Griffith, James Milnor, Matthias Watson."

Which report having been read, it was moved, seconded, and agreed, that the said report be accepted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary furnish Lodge No. 56 and Bro. T—— with a copy of the same, and Lodge No. 56 be requested to enter the same on their minutes.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed, that this Grand Lodge do now proceed to the installation of the officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. Duplessis then proceeded to the installation of the R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, Grand Master elect, which being done, he was duly proclaimed Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to ancient custom and usage.

Bro. Duplessis, by desire of the R. W. G. M., then installed the R. W. Israel Israel, Esquire, Deputy Grand Master elect, which being done, he was duly proclaimed and saluted accordingly.

Brother Duplessis also installed

The R. W.	James Milnor, Esq.,	as Senior Grand Warden.
"	Charles Patton,	" Junior Grand Warden.
Bro.	George A. Baker,	" Grand Secretary.
"	John McElwee,	" Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Bro.	Cadwallader Griffith,	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	Samuel Benge,	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	Revd Doc^{t} John Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
"	Daniel McKaraher,	Grand Stewards.
"	Andrew Nilson,	
"	Richard R. Cusack,	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.

The Room Committee not having reported on the subject of Tylers committed to them, the appointment of Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler was continued over.

A list of the officers of the Grand Chapter of the H. R. A. of

Pennsylvania for the ensuing year was received and read, returning the

R. W. Jonathan B. Smith, Esquire, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, ex officio,
M. E. Praise Wadman,
M. E. John Service,
} Grand Chiefs.
M. E. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., G. S.
M. E. Daniel McKaraher, G. T.
M. E. Andrew Nilson, G. R. A. Captain.
M. E. Thomas Town, 1st G. M.
M. E. William Leo, 2d G. M.
M. E. Richard Babe, 3d G. M.
M. E. Rev[d] William Smith, D.D., G. Chaplain.

The R. W. G. M. then addressed the Lodge on the subject of their having again unanimously elected him to fill the chair.

Whereupon, on motion and seconded, *Resolved*, unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master be pleased to accept the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the very instructing, Brotherly and energetic address he has just now delivered, and to deliver a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary, that the same may be placed on the minutes of this Lodge.

The R. W. D. G. M. then addressed the Lodge and returned the Brethren his thanks for the honor done him by electing him to the said office.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to make inquiry whether this G. L. can be further accommodated with the Room they now meet in when their lease shall expire, and if not, to make inquiry what other place may be obtained for that purpose, and make report. Bros. Milnor, Jno. Smith, Jr., John McElwee, Lawrence, and McKaraher were appointed to be that Committee.

The Grand Lodge and Lodges in the city expended in this year the sum of D[s] 2998 $\frac{10}{100}$ in charity, whereof the sum of D[s] 1726 $\frac{87}{100}$ was expended by the French Lodge, L'Amenite, No. 73.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st January, A. L. 5799.

Present, the R. W. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72.

A Plan referred by Lodge No. 3 to this R. W. G. L. for erecting a structure wherein the different Lodges in this city may perform their labors was received and read. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the same be referred to the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Masters of the several Lodges in this city to examine and report thereon.

The Committee appointed on the 17th December last, on the By-Laws of Lodge No. 64, made report in the words following, to wit:

"TO THE R. W. THE GRD. LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"We, the Committee appointed on the 17th December, 5798, to examine the By-Laws of Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the said By-Laws and find them consistent with Masonry, except article the third, which they conceive should be totally expunged, as it might have a tendency to create Religious disputes within the Lodge, which would be inconsistent with Masonic principles. The article which your Committee objects to is in the following words, viz.: '3rd. If any member of this Lodge be debarred the privileges of the Church to which he belongs, he shall also be debarred the privileges of this Lodge until he produces the crime that he is charged with in writing, signed by the minister, to the Worshipful Master when in the Chair, when he shall have an impartial trial, and if found guilty of the crime alleged, the punishment shall be agreeable to the nature of the offense.'

"PHILADELPHIA, 17th January, 1799."

(Signed, John Baker, Cad^r Griffith, Chas. Patton.)

Which report was approved of and the Grand Secretary was directed to transmit a copy thereof to the said Lodge No. 64.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. L. 5799.

Present, Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 33, 51, 52, 59, 71.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, dated 9th ulto., was read. It was in answer to the Communication of this Grand Lodge respecting the application made the 4th June last for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Charlestown, Brook County, Virginia (the same being within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia), and signified that the said G. L. of Virginia declined giving its sanction to the establishment of a Lodge in Charlestown aforesaid, under any other jurisdiction than that of the G. L. of Virginia. Thereupon, a letter from Bro. W^m McKennan to the R. W. D. G. M., dated Charlestown, Nov. 20th last, was read. It requested that instead of granting a warrant for holding a Lodge at Charlestown, above mentioned (as prayed in the petition presented the 4th June last), it might be granted for holding a Lodge at the Old Mingo town,* in the Northwestern Territory, which former petition being in form agreeably to the rules of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grd. Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of William McKennan, Master, Zenas Kimberly, S. W., and John Agnew, J. W., and that the said Lodge be numbered 78.

A petition from several brethren resident in and about Chambersburg, in Franklin County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was read, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at Chambersburg, which being recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, in the names of James Chambers, Master, Owen Aston, S. W., and Peter Whitesides, Jr. W., and that the said Lodge be numbered 79.

A motion was made by the R. W. G. Master, and seconded, that

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* Old Mingo town was three miles below Steubenville, Ohio, and was the residence of the celebrated Indian Chief Logan.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

the income of the Lot of Ground, presented to this G. L. by our late Bro. Jos Dean, should be vested in Bro. Dean's widow during the term of her natural life, and on the question being taken, it was unanimously agreed to, and the R. W. G. M., the R. W. D. G. M., and Bro. Samuel Israel were appointed a Committee to carry the same into effect in such manner as shall appear to them to be most advantageous to Bro. Dean's widow.

And on motion, *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee of Charity do consider the particular situation of said widow, and pay due respect to the same.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

As Revised and Unanimously Adopted on the 4th day of March, A. L. 5799.

I. THE Grand Lodge shall be constituted of the Grand Officers for the time being, of past Grand Officers, and of the Masters and Wardens for the time being, of all Lodges under this jurisdiction, of past Masters continuing members of some Lodge, who either shall have actually presided a regular time in some lodge under this jurisdiction, or have heretofore been passed by a dispensation, but no past Master to be made in future by dispensation shall as such be a member of this Grand Lodge, nor shall any brother be a member of the same unless he is also a member of some regular lodge under this jurisdiction.

II. The Grand Lodge shall hold Quarterly Communications on the first Monday of March, June, September, and December, and Grand Communications on each St. John's Day in every year. They shall also meet on their own adjournments, and on the order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master. The Quarterly Communications shall be at 7 o'clock in the evening, from the 20th March to the 22d September; and at 6 o'clock in the evening, from the 22d September to the 20th March. The different lodges shall attend all stated meetings by their officers or deputies with or without notice, nevertheless the Grand Secretary shall cause public notice to be given in one or more of the public newspapers of the city of Phila-

delphia on the four Mondays preceding, and on that of the meeting of each Communication; and shall send summonses to all the members within three miles of the place of all stated or occasional meetings.

III. Lodges in the city of Philadelphia, or within three miles thereof, shall be represented in Grand Lodge by their master and wardens, or either of them; but any distant lodge may be represented by a proxy. None but a brother who has passed the chair agreeably to the first article shall be admitted as the proxy of any lodge; and his commission, as proxy, must be under the seal of the lodge that appoints him, signed by the master and countersigned by the secretary. But no member shall as proxy have more than one vote.

IV. When five or more lodges are represented and the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or other presiding officer has taken the chair and has given due notice, the brethren shall take their seats, the masters or proxies and past masters of each lodge taking place on the left hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, according to the seniority of their respective lodges, and in like manner the wardens of the several lodges taking place on the right hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master. Visitors shall sit in a second row on the right hand of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, unless invited to other seats by the Right Worshipful Grand Master or presiding officer.

V. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer respectively, shall be chosen by ballot at the Communication next before the feast of St. John the Evangelist in every year. And if any two or more shall have an equal number of votes in their favour, for any of the offices aforesaid, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken which shall be confined to the persons who on the first ballot shall have had an equal number: and if the ballots should again be equal between two or more brethren for any of the offices aforesaid, then the election for the said office shall be determined by lot between those who shall have equal numbers; and a majority of the votes of the whole number of the members present shall be necessary to the election of any officer, subject to the provision above-mentioned in case of an equality of votes.

VI. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer so chosen, shall be installed in their respective offices if practicable on the said St. John the Evangelist's Day; and after such installment the Grand Master shall appoint the Grand Deacons, Grand Chaplain, Grand Stewards, Grand Sword-bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler: But no brother shall be appointed to any of the before-mentioned offices (except Grand Pursuivant and Grand Tyler) who has not passed the chair of some regular lodge, under this or some other ancient jurisdiction to be made known by proper vouchers.

VII. The Grand Secretary shall have the care of the archives. He shall keep fair records of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge. He shall keep a register for the particular purpose of entering all warrants, dispensations, certificates, the names of every member of each lodge, and the returns from the several lodges; and shall transmit all the necessary communications to the lodges under this jurisdiction, and to other Grand Lodges. He shall furnish the first-named brother on every committee, as soon as possible, with a copy of the minutes and papers which respect the business of such committee, for which he shall take a receipt, and the brother so first-named shall call the committee together and be answerable for the papers, which he shall return with the report. He may appoint a Deputy, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

The fees of the Grand Secretary shall be as follows:

	Dollars.
For making out and recording each warrant,	4 00
For making out and recording each dispensation,	2 00
For each certificate,	1 00
For registering the names of brethren returned to the Grand Lodge, and by him registered, he shall be paid out of the Grand Lodge Fund one-eighth of a dollar for every member.	

VIII. The Grand Master with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary shall annually visit all the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or, when the performance of that duty becomes impracticable, he shall, as often as necessary, appoint visitors of different districts, composed of the Grand Officers, or such other brethren as he may think proper, who shall faithfully

report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to instructions given them.

IX. There shall be a Committee of Charity, which shall consist of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the masters of the respective lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five of whom shall be authorized to do business. The duty of this committee shall be to meet in the city of Philadelphia on the 3d Monday in every month, or oftener, if necessary, to receive such applications as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge, or in case of emergency, presented to them from distressed brethren, their widows, or orphans, and afford them such relief as the situation of the fund will allow and the circumstances of the applicants call for; provided that they shall not grant more than ten dollars in any case not referred to them. The Grand Treasurer shall pay all the orders of the said committee, duly signed by the presiding officer and countersigned by the Secretary, charging the Charity fund therewith, and the said committee shall keep minutes of their proceedings which shall be read in Grand Lodge at every Communication.

X. There shall be a Committee of Correspondence appointed at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's day, in every year.

XI. At the close of every year a committee shall be appointed to examine and settle the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts; who shall report at the next Quarterly Communication.

XII. No brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge, unless he is a member thereof, except a brother who is a petitioner or witness in some case depending, or one called in by motion. And no brother shall appear in Grand Lodge without the jewel of his office.

XIII. A majority of the members present shall determine every question, and in case of a tie the brother in the chair shall have a casting vote. If any one lodge request the vote to be taken by ballot, it shall be so taken. No vote shall be reconsidered by a smaller number of lodges than were present when the vote passed, nor on the same day on which the motion to reconsider is made. No vote shall be passed at an extra lodge, in which a distant lodge is particularly interested, without previous notice to that lodge, or

their proxy; and if such lodge or their proxy request it (unless in cases which two-thirds of the lodges present shall judge to be too urgent to admit of delay) the decision shall be referred to the next Communication.

XIV. Every question moved and seconded shall be put by the presiding officer; and no new matter shall be brought forward until that under consideration shall be first decided. No brother shall speak more than twice upon the same question without special permission, or to explain himself. The presiding officer shall determine all questions of order.

XV. Whenever the Grand Master or presiding officer rises, all debates shall cease, and there shall be a strict silence.

XVI. If any member is twice called to order, at any one Communication for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offence of the same nature, the presiding officer shall peremptorily order him to quit the lodge room for that night, and any member excluded the Grand Communication shall also be excluded every lodge under this jurisdiction, until restored by the Grand Lodge, of which the Grand Secretary shall notify every lodge.

XVII. No member of the Grand Lodge, as such, shall be subject to the payment of dues.

XVIII. Every lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall, on or before the next St. John the Evangelist's Day, transmit to the Grand Secretary a complete list of all their members, with the time of their having been initiated, or admitted members, and a copy of their By-laws, and on every St. John the Evangelist's Day following a list of their initiations, admissions, passings, raisings, deaths, rejections of candidates, and expulsion of members, together with a copy of such alterations or additions as shall have been made to their By-laws since the last copy may have been so transmitted, and also a return of their election of officers to the Communication next following such election.

XIX. No new warrant shall be granted but on petition of at least five, and the recommendation of at least three, known and approved Master Masons; nor shall a new warrant be granted to any number of Masons in the country, residing within five miles of the place of meeting mentioned in the warrant of an established lodge and who are members of the said lodge, without the consent of such lodge, signified under the seal thereof. Every warrant shall be accom-

panied with a copy of the constitutions and By-Laws; also with a list of the lodges under this jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meetings.

Every lodge shall pay for a warrant, before delivered, the sum of	Dollars	32 00
For every dispensation, ...	"	4 00
For every certificate, ...	"	1 00

XX. No warrant which may in future be granted shall have the precedence in number of a lodge whose warrant bears an older date.

XXI. Each lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay annually into the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the rate of eighty-four cents for every member of which it may consist, and one dollar for every initiation.

XXII. Any lodge in arrears with this Grand Lodge for two years' dues shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if their dues are not discharged within six months from the date of such notice, the warrant of such lodge shall be considered as suspended, and unless satisfactory reasons for such neglect are adduced to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, the warrant of such lodge shall be vacated.

XXIII. All appeals from any private lodge shall be made in writing and left with the Grand Secretary; and the appellant shall give the other party notice thereof at least ten days if in the city, and twenty if in the country, before proceedings shall be had thereon.

XXIV. No brother shall have a certificate unless he is about to leave this State, nor until all dues are certified by the secretary of his own lodge to have been paid; nor without the recommendation of the said lodge, under the seal thereof, signed by the master and wardens, and countersigned by the secretary; and all certificates shall be signed by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

XXV. There shall be no processions but with consent of two-thirds of the members present at the Communication next preceding the feast of St. John, when the same is to take place. And no funeral processions shall be had within nine miles of the city of Philadelphia without an application to the Grand Master or senior grand officer present, made by the master or wardens of such lodge as the deceased brother did belong to; or by five brethren, if the

deceased brother was a stranger, and did not belong to any Lodge, nor without the consent of the Grand Master, or in his absence, of his Deputy.

XXVI. Upon the demise of any Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the last Secretary and Treasurer of said Lodge, shall, within three months after such demise, surrender to the Grand Secretary the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of said Lodge, and the last presiding officer shall transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory or schedule thereof, and be answerable for the performance of this article; nor shall any member of said demised Lodge be elected into any other Lodge, nor entitled to the benefits of this institution till he shall have paid all arrears, due from him to said Lodge, to the Grand Treasurer.

GEORGE A. BAKER,
Grand Secretary.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d June, A. L. 5799.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73.

*That the R. W. Grand Master had in compliance with the resolution of said Committee of the 18th February last, directed 50 guineas to be paid to the Treasurer of the Philadelphia Dispensary, and received a certificate for five perpetual shares in the said institution in the name of this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master (who together with the R. W. D. G. M. had been appointed a committee to present the above-mentioned sum of $25 to Bro. Dean's widow), reported that the R. W. D. G. M. and himself had waited on Mrs. Dean with the same; that she thanked the Brethren for the attention paid to her and informed them that there had been a time when her situation was such that the same would have been of great service to her, but that she now found herself in better circumstances, that she had no doubt but the Brethren had many objects which stood in greater need of it than she did at present, and therefore very politely declined receiving it.

A petition from sundry brethren was read, praying for a warrant

* From the Report of the Committee of Charity.

to hold a Lodge at the sign of the United States arms in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, which being duly recommended agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly in the names of Henry Barns, Master, George McWilliams, Senior Warden, and Andrew Charles, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be numbered 80 and called Unity.

Brother Baker informed this Grand Lodge that the new aprons, etc., now worn by the Grand Officers, were presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro^r Benge, Junior Grand Deacon, and read a letter received by him from Brother Benge on the subject, which letter was in the words following:

"SIR: I have sent to you five of the Grand Lodge aprons, the other, for the Treasurer, because we had not the Jewell, he painted it wrong, so that I must make another. The G. M. and D. G. M. have got theirs. I send these to you that you may deliver them to the different officers, the whole of which I know is Masonic, and I present them as a present to the Grand Lodge with due respects.

Yours affectionately, SAMUEL BENGE.

"March 20th, 1799. To Bro. GEO. A. BAKER."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this G. L. be presented to Bro. Benge for the handsome present by him made to the same, and that Bro. Grand Secretary communicate this Resolution to Bro. Benge. The said present consisted of two sashes (purple), for the R. W. G. M. and R. W. D. G. M., an apron of white satin for the R. W. G. M., 7 leather aprons for the R. W. D. G. M., S. W., J. W., Sec., Treas., S. D, and J. D., all the aprons trimmed with broad purple ribbon and gold lace, and hangings of broad purple trimmed with gold lace for the jewels of the above-mentioned 8 officers.

Bro. Milnor, of the committee appointed to inquire what place may be obtained for the future meetings of this Grand Lodge after their present lease expires, reported that the room wherein this G. L. now meet cannot be had after the expiration of the said lease. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, agreed that the Grand Secretary write to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction requesting them to communicate as expeditiously as possible what sums of money they will respectively contribute towards the purchasing or

erecting a building for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this city.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee on the plan of erecting a building were discharged. On motion and seconded, the plan for erecting a building referred to this G. L. by Lodge No. 3 was referred to Bros. the R. W. D. G. M., John Smith, Jr., Patton, Griffith, and Armstrong to consider and make report.

On motion made and seconded, the Committee appointed to inquire respecting a temporary place of meeting for this Grand Lodge were discharged.

On motion made and seconded, the enquiry respecting a temporary place of meeting was referred to the above-named Committee on the Plan of a Building.

St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 24th of June, A. L. 5799.

Present: BRO. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. D. G. M., R. W. G. M., *pro tem.*

Lodges 2, 3, 9, 41, 47, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 77.

The Committee appointed to devise a plan for the erecting a building for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this city, reported a plan which was read, and on motion ordered that Bro. Grand Secretary have two hundred copies of the same printed for consideration.

Plan for raising by subscription and chances the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of procuring by purchase, or otherwise erecting a building to be denominated a Freemasons' Lodge.

The subscribers and holders of shares shall be known by the name of the "*Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall Association.*" A book shall be opened containing script to be numbered from 1 to 700 inclusive. But the script numbered 1 to 100 shall be divided into half shares (for the object of accommodation), and two separate script shall be issued, bearing the same number, any of which being successful shall be entitled to its equal moiety or half part, as the numbers may be entitled to respectively, which script shall be signed by one of the managers, and contain the following:

"The possessor of this script shall be entitled to such share or shares, or moiety of share or shares in the 'Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall Association,' as it shall be entitled to in the decision of chances."

The managers shall receive for every such share of script five dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for every half share of script. The shares of script as aforesaid shall be apportioned off into chances, as follows:

1	fortunate	chance of	40	shares is	40,	or	$200	value.
1	"	"	30	"	30,	"	150	"
1	"	"	20	"	20,	"	100	"
2	"	"	15	"	30,	"	150	"
5	"	"	10	"	50,	"	250	"
10	"	"	6	"	60,	"	300	"
20	"	"	5	"	100,	"	500	"
40	"	"	3	"	120,	"	600	"
125	"	"	2	"	250,	"	1250	"
205	fortunate chances.							
495	unfortunate chances.							
700					700		$3500	

The number of managers shall depend on subscribing Lodges, each of which for every fifty shares subscribed shall be represented by one manager, to be chosen by such subscribing Lodge (which Lodge shall be held responsible for the transactions of its managers). These, together with three appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall constitute the Board of Managers, who shall report their proceedings to said Lodge every stated meeting or Quarterly Communication, which Grand Lodge having established the plan, do guarantee the subscribers, holders of script and possessors of fortunate chances, a just and honorable fulfillment of the plan. The drawing of chances to commence as soon as the script shares shall be sold, or the managers shall determine.

Four months after the decision of chances shall be allowed to the possessors of fortunate script to bring them in and receive certificates of their shares, for which they shall pay for every share contained in their certificate one dollar, to be applied in like manner as money originally subscribed for shares of script, and every person not bringing in their script as aforesaid, shall be considered as having given the same as a donation for the benefit of the institution.

One other book shall be opened by the managers, containing shares of script numbered from 1 to 300 inclusive, which shall contain the following:

"The possessor of this script shall be entitled to one share in the *Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall Association*, on the payment of one dollar at the time of receiving a certificate."

Which script shall not be subject to a decision of chances, as the foregoing, for every share of which the subscriber shall pay the sum of five dollars.

After the drawing of chances, as stated in the foregoing, the possessors of script shares in this latter plan shall bring the same forward and receive certificates of shares within four months after the decision of chances, which possessor of every such share shall pay on the same the sum of one dollar, subject to the same restrictions, and the money to be applied in like manner as stated in the foregoing plan.

The possessors or holders of stock, as soon as the drawing or decision of chances be closed, shall be called together by public notice, who shall choose nine directors, who with three appointed by the Grand Lodge, shall conduct the interests of the stockholders, and who, as soon as organized, shall receive from the managers appointed all the books, papers, and property of every kind whatever, a schedule of which shall accompany the transfer, and a duplicate of the same shall be given the Grand Lodge, among whose archives it shall be deposited.

The twelve directors so chosen shall hold all the property as aforesaid in trust and for the benefit of the institution, who shall also prosecute the object of the society, and establish such rules as they may judge proper as to the mode of transferring the shares of the capital stock and such other regulations as they may think advisable for the well governing the affairs of the society. Provided that such rules or regulations shall not contravene the resolutions or ordinances entered into by the stockholders at their annual meetings.

In the choice of directors by the stockholders, each stockholder shall have a vote by proxy or otherwise for every share of stock he shall hold at the time of the election.

All elections after the first shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the day following St. John's, in December in every year, except it

shall come on Sunday, in which case the election shall be held on the day after. At the first meeting of the directors chosen by the stockholders they shall divide themselves into three classes, and numbered I, II, III. Class No. I shall go out after the expiration of one year, Class No. II after the second year, and Class No. III after the third year; after which every such director having served three years his seat becomes vacated, and he shall not be re-eligible until after the expiration of one year.

Before the election is gone into, on the day following St. John's in every year, the directors shall lay before the stockholders a statement of their transactions for the past year.

They shall also on the aforesaid day, and after the election, choose from amongst their number a President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Immediately after the building is procured the managers shall lease the several apartments of the building to the best advantage for the benefit of the stockholders, preserving, nevertheless, all the necessary apartments for the complete accommodation of the Grand and other Lodges under their jurisdiction, they paying for the same such reasonable rent as shall be agreed upon between the Grand Lodge and the directors, and all the rents and profits arising as aforesaid shall be apportioned to all the respective shares, and dividends paid half-yearly to the stockholders or their legal representatives.

As the grand object is to the advancement of Masonry in the complete accommodation of the Craft when assembled in their respective Lodges, every Lodge subscribing (to whom it is earnestly recommended) may by that fund finally have the whole property vested in them, for by aiding their half-yearly dividends by other resources in the purchase of shares of stock, will eventually absorb all the shares in the possession of individuals.

Adjourned Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st July, Anno Lucis, 5799.

Pursuant to adjournment, divers members of the Grand Lodge met, but by reason of their number being small, Grand Lodge was not opened, and no business done except that the R. W. Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to issue summonses to the members to attend an extra meeting of the Grand Lodge on Saturday next, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 6th July, A. L. 5799.

But few of the members attending, Grand Lodge was not opened, and no business done.

Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 11th July, A. L. 5799.

Present: ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. D. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 56, 59, 71, 72.

So much of the minutes of the Grand Communication held on St. John's Day last as relates to the business now before this Grand Lodge—being the consideration of the plan reported by the Committee on the Building, etc.—was read. On motion made and seconded, the said plan was read the second time (it having been read the first time on St. John's Day). After considerable debate, respecting said plan, on motion made and seconded the further consideration of the same was postponed.

On motion, ordered that the Committee on the Temporary Place of Meeting report their proceedings at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

On account of the yellow fever raging in the city of Philadelphia, and many of the inhabitants having removed into the country, the Stated Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was not held on the first Monday, being the 2d day of September, Anno Lucis 5799.

Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, 13th November, A. L. 5799.

Present, Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esquire, R. W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a copy of a petition from the R. W. Grand Officers and the Committee appointed to procure a place for the future meetings of this R. W. Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges in this city, to his Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esq., Governor of this Commonwealth, praying that his Excellency would be pleased to grant permission for holding our future meetings in some of the rooms of the State House, which was read, and is in the words following:

"To His Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The petition of the subscribers, present officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully sheweth that the Grand Lodge has for several years past occupied a room illy adapted for the purposes of their meetings, which they had taken in expectation only that by this time they would have been able to have procured for themselves permanent accommodations, but owing to their extraordinary charitable exertions, which have been rendered peculiarly burdensome by the frequent visitations which have afflicted the city, they have found themselves unable to effect so desirable an object. That their lease is expired, and the room wanted by the proprietors for other uses. Your petitioners understanding that the rooms in the State House are at present unoccupied and are likely to remain so for a considerable time, are induced to request the Gr^d Lodge may be indulged with the use of the Senate Chamber or such other apartments on the same floor as your Excellency may see fit; and the Grand Lodge will hold themselves pledged, and do engage, at any time whenever they shall be so required, to evacuate and redeliver the premises unimpaired in the same order in which they shall receive them.

(Signed), J. B. Smith, G. M.,
Israel Israel, D. G. M.,
James Milnor, S. G. W.,
Charles Patton, J. G. W.,
Jno. Smith,
Chairman of Committee for procuring Rooms, etc."

"Nov. 4, 1799.

The R. W. G. M. then informed this Grand Lodge that said petition had been presented to His Excellency the Governor, who had been pleased to grant the Secretaries' Chamber in the State House for that purpose until called for. On motion made and seconded, this Grand Lodge concur in the application so made to His Excellency the Governor, and return their warmest thanks to His Excellency for the grant he has been pleased to make them, and direct that Bro. Grand Secretary respectfully communicate the same to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion made and seconded, the R. W. D. G. M. and Bro. John Smith, Jr., Coyle, Griffiths, and Andrew Nilson, were appointed a committee to prepare the rooms in the State House for the accom-

modation of this Grand Lodge, and to remove all the furniture now in this room there when ready, and to have such repairs done to the old and procure such new furniture as shall appear to be necessary.

On motion made and seconded, the said committee were authorized to leave this room in the order we received the same, or in such state as they shall agree on with the owners of this building.

Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d December, A. L. 5799.

Present, Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. G. M.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 33, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, dated Newark (Niagara), July 17, 1799, was read and ordered to be filed. It contained a list of their R. W. Grand Officers for this year, being the

The R. W.	William Jarvis, Esq.,	G. M.
"	Robert Kerr, Esq.,	D. G. M.
"	John Warren, Esq.,	S. G. W.
"	George Forsythe, Esq.,	J. G. W.
"	Sylvester Tiffany,	G. Secretary.
"	Alexander Stewart Esq.,	G. Treasurer.
"	Robert Addison,	G. Chaplain.

Also a list of the Lodges under their jurisdiction, being fourteen in number, and an expulsion.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, dated Quebec, 1st August, 1799, was read and ordered to be filed. It contained a list of their R. W. Grand Officers for this year, being

His Royal Highness, Prince Edward,		G. M.
The R. W.	George Lewis Hamilton, Esq.,	D. G. M.
"	John Lynd, Esq.,	S. G. W.
"	Richard Dickinson, Esq.,	J. G. W.
"	William Lindsay, Junr,	G. Secretary.
"	Keable Sarjeant,	G. Treasurer.

Also a list of the Lodges under their jurisdiction, being sixteen in number, and an expulsion.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, with a list of officers, was read.

This being the evening appointed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge for that purpose (of election), Bro. John Smith, Jr., and Samuel Israel were appointed tellers, and the G. L. thereupon proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, commencing on St. John's day next, when on the ballot being taken it appeared that the following Brethren were duly elected, viz.:

Bro. Jonathan B. Smith Esq.,	R. W. G. M.
" Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. D. G. M.
" James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. S. G. W.
" Doct^r. Archibald Alexander, of New Castle,	R. W. J. G. W.
" John McElwee,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. G. Secretary.

A petition from a number of brethren of Union Lodge, No. 66, at Caernarvon Township, Berks County, to remove the warrant of Lodge No. 46, in the possession of three brethren in Churchtown, Lancaster County, to Ephrata, in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, was read and referred to a committee.

A notification of the exclusion of the following members from Lodge No. 80 was read, communicating that John S. was excluded for 80 years, James S. ditto for 40 years; George S. ditto for 40 years, from the 15th ultimo.

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 26th December, A. L. 5799.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

A sufficient number of Lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The present communication being held by virtue of a special summons from the R. W. Gr^d Master, in consequence of the invitation of the Committee of Arrangement of Congress to attend the delivery of a funeral oration in honor of the late Lieutenant-General George Washington, as directed by order of Congress, the R. W. Grand Master opened the business of the meeting in an address to the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge are deeply and sincerely afflicted with the melancholy event which has occasioned this communication, and will immediately proceed to join in the honors about to be shewn to the memory of our illustrious deceased Brother.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will bear any expenses which shall be incurred on this occasion.

The R. W. Grand Master then appointed Bro. Proctor, Master of Ceremonies for the day. The Grand Lodge was closed.

The Brethren then formed in due order in the Grand Lodge Room, and moving from thence joined in the general procession, which proceeded from Congress Hall to Zion Church, where the funeral service was pronounced by the Right Reverend Bishop White, and an oration in memory of the deceased delivered by the Hon. Gen[l] Henry Lee, a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States from Virginia, which being ended, the Masonic procession returned to the Grand Lodge Room.

Having deferred further proceedings to the Grand General Communication, to be holden to-morrow, being St. John the Evangelist's Day, adjourned.*

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* The Masons moved from their hall at the State House, and took part in the procession. This commemoration, which took place December 26, 1799, is known in common parlance as "Washington's sham funeral." Beside Congress and the officers of the State and Federal Government, the city corporation attended. The military cortege was composed of the following volunteer companies:

Blue Sash Company; Philadelphia Blues; Republican Blues; Johnston's Company; Philadelphia Greens; Republican Greens; Northern Liberty Greens; Nelson's Grenadiers; Captain Huff's Rifle Company; Philadelphia County Rifle Company; Macpherson's Blues; Higbee's Grenadiers; Taylor's Artillery; Coyle's Rifle Company; Singer's Troop of Horse, dismounted; Leiper's Troop of Horse, dismounted; Minel's Troop of Horse, dismounted; Dunlap's Troop of Horse, dismounted; County Cavalry.

In this procession a charger, caparisoned with a heavy pall, was led by soldiers—a pair of jackboots being placed across the saddle—a bier followed also, covered with a pall, a cocked hat and sword being placed over the coffin.

Among the ceremonies on that occasion by the different societies, none was more impressive than those which were directed by the French Lodge L'Amenitie, No. 73. The Brethren ordered that an oration should be delivered in open Lodge, under the most solemn and impressive forms of the Master's Lodge. Brother S. Chaudron was chosen to deliver the address. The Lodge Room was accordingly completely hung in black. In the centre, on a platform, to which the ascent was by *five* steps, a bier was raised with the Mason's Insignia and military decoration proper to the character of the deceased, surrounding which were several urns suitably decorated. Over and surrounding the bier, which stood ten feet above the Lodge, black drapery was displayed from the ceiling, festooned and knotted, and interspersed with suitable emblems. The catafalco was surrounded by more than three hundred lights.—*History Freemasonry in Philadelphia.* Bro. Thompson Westcott, in "Keystone," August 31, 1869.

Grand General Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, St. John's Day, Friday, 27 December, A. L. 5799.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 56, 59, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 77.

So much of the minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the election of officers was read. It was thereupon resolved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the installation of the officers for the ensuing year, whereupon Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., R. W. Grand Master elect, was installed and thrice proclaimed R. W. Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and saluted as such according to ancient custom and usage. Bro. Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. D. G. M. elect, was then installed and thrice proclaimed R. W. Deputy Grand Master, etc., and saluted as such. Bro. James Milnor, Esq., R. W. S. G. W. elect, and Bro. Doct^r Archibald Alexander, R. W. J. G. W. elect, were then severally installed in their respective offices and saluted accordingly.

Bro. George A. Baker, R. W. G. Secretary elect, was installed into his office, and Bro. John McElwee, R. W. G. Treasurer elect, was installed into his office; all which installations were made by Bro. Duplessis, by desire of the R. W. Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Cadwallader Griffith,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Daniel McKaraher,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Samuel Israel, " John Coyle,	Grand Stewards.
" Andrew Nilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.

Room Committee.

Robert Jackson,
William Nelson,
Thomas Town.

It was resolved that the Committee of Correspondence, which

last year consisted of five members, consist this year of three, and Bros. Duplessis, Milnor, and Leib were appointed.

Bro. John W. Van Cleve, of the Northern Liberties, Bro. Israel Israel (the R. W. D. G. M.), of the city, and Bro. William Nelson, of Southwark, were appointed recommenders of objects to the Dispensary for the ensuing year.

The R. W. Grand Master recalled the attention of the Grand Lodge to the mournful occasion of the preceding day. Whereupon it was resolved unanimously that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the R.W. Grand Master for his address on the solemn occasion of yesterday, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for the purpose of publication and entry upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge. He was pleased to comply with this request, and the address is as follows:

"R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Brethren: You have been called to hold this special Convention in consequence of an invitation to join the representatives of a great and grateful people in a solemn act of duty. With respect to the unexpectedly early moment of executing this duty we have been anticipated, but by the death of General George Washington we have felt ourselves impelled, irresistibly impelled, to yield to the strongest emotions of the heart, and cordially to join our fellow-citizens in public evidences of estimation and regret. The interesting events having been officially communicated to the public, I immediately directed that the sable emblems of our Order should be borne in G. L. by the members at our next communication, then to take place in a few days, wishing to give to ulterior orders on the occasion the force and the dignity of the spontaneous voice of the collected craft of Pennsylvania."

"While we respectfully leave to abler hands, to the appointed organ of the Councils of the United States, to the common voice of his country and of mankind, and to succeeding ages, which will venerate his name as long as they shall experience the happy effects of his civic virtues and public services, duly to appreciate his worth, the Masons of Pennsylvania, impressed with their more immediate Masonic connections and character, may be allowed to deplore that their friend, their Brother, their Father is gone."

"Yes, my Brethren, as such the Masons of Pennsylvania did long ago recognize him. It is now twenty-one years since they by an unanimous suffrage proposed him as Grand Master of Masons for the United States. They have on sundry occasions and very lately given attestations of unabated attachment to his person, and an high sense of his unremitting endeavors in promoting order, union, and brotherly affection among us, and in carrying forth the principles of the Lodge in every walk of life. In our archives are found flattering evidences of his reciprocated esteem and approbation of our Order as relative more especially to those chiefest concerns of man—Religion and Government. The public have seen him gracing and dignifying our processions by his attendance."

"We have been made the almoners and dispensers of his charitable beneficence. But, my Brethren, this pleasing intercourse is suspended. Since our last communication this, our Brother, has been removed from a Terrene to expand his ample mind to the boundless duties and enjoyments of a Celestial Lodge of that eternal Temple (to use his own expression to our Grand Lodge) whose builder is the great Architect of the universe."

"The Old as well as the New World reveres this name: he was indeed an illustrious Brother, citizen and chief, in peace and in war, in council and action pre-eminent. The Masons of Pennsylvania have exulted *that the name of Washington stood enrolled on their list of Brethren*, and they will cherish the remembrance of the virtues and services as a rich legacy for their emulous example. If devotion of time and talents to ameliorate the state of man be a virtue; if obeying the calls of his country in times of the greatest difficulty and danger at every risque be a Masonic duty, of that virtue may Masonry boast that this *our* Washington has exhibited an instance beyond former example brilliant; and for the exercise of this duty will *our* Washington ever stand conspicuous in the foremost rank. Are a love of order and sacred regard to the laws of the social compact characteristic of Masons? for his exemplary adherence to these Masonic virtues through all the vicissitudes and variegated difficulties of a Revolutionary war, has *our* Washington received the plaudits of thirteen Sovereign States."

"It now remains, my Brethren, that in our several spheres we do likewise as our Brother has done—that by shewing respect to merit it appear that we value it—that by cordial regret on the translation of virtue from among us, we evidence that we revere it—and while

we drop our portion amid the universal effusion of sorrow on this mournful occasion, we anticipate for our lamented Brother the applause of nations and the veneration of ages."

"I detain you no longer; the government of our country has this day honorably distinguished us as among the chief mourners of Washington—its friend, its protector, and its ornament. The destined hour has come and we move to the summons."

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Room Committee be directed to put the Grand Lodge Room in mourning, in such manner as they shall conceive to be most suitable and proper to testify our fraternal attachment to our late illustrious Brother Washington, and the high veneration we entertain for his memory and virtues.

It was unanimously *Resolved*, That as a further mark of our respect for our deceased Brother, and the deep affliction for the loss we have sustained by his death, the members of the Grand Lodge wear black crape on their left arm, as recommended by the President and Congress to the citizens of the United States, and that the emblems on their aprons be covered with black for the term of six months, and that the same be recommended to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read. It intimates that there is a fair prospect that the Modern Grand Lodge, which has been long established there under a foreign Jurisdiction, and which they believe to be the only one existing in America, will form a coalition with them without any departure on the part of the Ancient Grand Lodge or infringement upon their ancient landmarks, whereby they may become united under one head, and that this schism in Masonry, which has proved a stumbling-block to many, and occasioned more injury to the prosperity of the Craft than any other circumstance, is likely to be removed from amongst them. That should this desirable event take place they will take the earliest opportunity of making us acquainted therewith and expressing their hopes that similar steps may be taken in other parts of the United States, if expedient or necessary, and that the distinction so long exhibited to the world between Modern and Ancient Masonry may be forever buried in oblivion.

It contains resolutions of the said Grand Lodge of South Carolina concerning the instituting a superintending Grand Lodge for America, and invites this Grand Lodge to join them in any plans which may be deemed expedient and conducive to the interest and

prosperity of the Ancient Craft. And it contains a list of the Grand Officers and a list of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence to examine and report upon.

The Grand Lodge and Lodges in the city, except Lodges No. 51 and 72, who made no returns, expended in this year the sum of $1492.$\frac{30}{100}$ in charity, whereof $730 was expended by the French Lodge L'Amenitie, No. 73.

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d February, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 55, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 74.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that the present communication was held for the purpose of laying before the Brethren a certain request in writing from several of the Masters of Lodges held in this city, which being presented, was read, and is in the words following:

We the subscribers, Masters of Lodges held in the city of Philadelphia, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to request that the R. W. Grand Master may be pleased to direct the Grand Lodge to be convened as soon as conveniently may be, in order to take the sense of the Grand Lodge whether the Brethren will walk in procession on the 22d day of February next, being the day recommended by Congress to be set apart as a day of mourning for the death of our late Bro. Gen[l] Geo. Washington.

JNO. PHILLIPS, W. M.,	No.	2.
ANDW. NILSON, W. M.,	"	9.
WM. NELSON, W. M.,	"	71.
GEO. SPRINGER, W. M.,	"	52.
JNO. MCELWEE,	"	59.
G. LA GRANGE,	"	73.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan'y 25, 1800.

Whereupon, in consideration of the President of the United States and Congress having recommended to the people of the United

States to assemble on the 22d day of the present month, in such numbers and manner as may be convenient, publicly to testify their grief for the death of General George Washington by suitable eulogies, orations, and discourses, or by public prayers, this Grand Lodge, in compliance with the said recommendation, and in order to testify their deep affliction for the loss they have sustained by the removal of one of their great lights from among them (the deceased having been a worthy member of their Ancient and Honorable Fraternity).

Resolved, That there be a Masonic procession held on the aforesaid day, to wit, the 22d inst., in the city of Philadelphia, and that an oration suitable to the solemn occasion be then delivered.

A committee consisting of the Masters of the different Lodges held in this city was then appointed to make such arrangements as to them shall appear necessary and proper for conducting the aforesaid procession.

Brother Estill informed the Grand Lodge that he had learnt that the African Lodge, held in or near this city, was visited by members of some of our Lodges. On motion a committee—Brothers A. Nilson, W. Nelson, Coyle, Springer, and Passy—were appointed to make inquiry concerning the premises and report thereon.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d March, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77.

A petition from a number of Brethren, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge in this city, and that the said Lodge may be called Union Lodge, that it may be granted in the names of Thomas Forrest, Master; Henry Lyttle Irwin, Senior Warden; and John Walker, Junior Warden, was read. Whereupon, after a very lengthy debate, on motion made and seconded, a committee consisting of Bros. Coyle, Estill, Van Cleve, Griffiths, and Duplessis was appointed to make inquiry respecting the said petition, and report thereon the propriety or expediency of granting a new warrant for holding a Lodge in this city, particularly at the present time.

A petition from a number of Brethren, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Germantown, that the same may be called Hyram Lodge, and that the warrant may be granted in the names of Richard Potter, Master; John Sellers, Senior Warden; and Joshua Z. Cozens, Junior Warden, was read. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, the same was referred to the above-named committee, to make inquiries concerning the same and report.

Doubts having been suggested by some of the Brethren whether Past Masters, who have obtained that degree under a foreign jurisdiction, and have become members of Lodges under our jurisdiction since the adoption of the present rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, are, in virtue of that degree so obtained under a foreign jurisdiction, members of this Grand Lodge, after considerable debate on the subject, the chair was requested to decide. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then declared: That, agreeably to the first article of the said Rules and Regulations, all Past Masters who at the time of adopting the said regulations were actually members of Lodges under this jurisdiction, were, in virtue of that degree, members of this Grand Lodge so long as they continued members of some Lodge under this jurisdiction; but that since the adoption of those Rules and Regulations no Past Master, however or wherever made, who was not a Past Master and also a regular member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction at that time, is a member of this Grand Lodge unless he shall have served a regular time as Master of a Lodge under said jurisdiction.

Bro. Grand Secretary presented a letter from the Grand Secretary of Maryland, dated 27th ultimo, which was read, and is in the words following:

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"From the information I have received, I am led to believe that a certain person of the name of Paul Bartholomew Hyman Lœwenstein, alias Hyman Livingston, is working in some Lodge in the city of Philadelphia. I am directed by the Stewards' Lodge to acquaint you that the said Hyman Livingston was expelled for improper conduct, and a violation of his obligation in an high degree, by the Baltimore Lodge, No. 22, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland at their communication, June, 5798. He is an artful person, speaks

the German language, of a Jewish extract, and I am also informed born in Bohemia.

"I am, Sir and Bro.,

Yours, fraternally,

(Signed) SAMUEL VINCENT,

Grand Secretary."

On motion, ordered that Bro. Grand Secretary communicate the same to all the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

On motion, Bros. Springer and Passy were discontinued from the Committee appointed on the 3d ultimo, to make inquiries concerning members of our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, and Bros. Milnor and Van Cleve were appointed in their stead, and the Committee were directed to report the names of members of our Lodges who so visited the aforesaid Lodge.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was read, and is in the words following:

GRAND LODGE ANCIENT YORK MASONS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ASSEMBLED IN DUE FORM THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 5799.

"The Grand Lodge having met for the special purpose of taking into consideration the resolution entered into at their Quarterly Communication in March last, after some time spent in serious debate thereon, and duly considering the same, came to the following resolutions:

"'*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the calling a Masonic convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing a Superintending Grand Lodge, and framing a constitution which may accord with and be adapted to the local situations of this extensive continent, is a measure which will tend greatly to promote the interest and prosperity of the ancient craft and to place it on a still more respectable basis.

"'*Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence be and they hereby are directed to write circular letters to all the Grand Lodges of Ancient York Masons established in the Union, inviting them to join with us in this important work, and that the said Committee be authorized to propose such arrangements to the other Grand Lodges

as may best tend to expedite the business and promote an early meeting of said convention.

"'*Resolved*, That as soon as two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the Union shall have approbated and adopted the measure now proposed that this Lodge will proceed to the election of delegates to attend the convention at the time and place which may be agreed upon through the medium of its Committee.'"

"CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, December 31st, 5799.

"R. W. BROTHERS: Agreeably to the intimation given in our circular of the 24th day of June, 5799, respecting a Masonic convention, we have now the honor of transmitting for your information the above resolutions, entered into by the Grand Lodge of this State, at a special meeting called for the purpose at their room in this city on the 8th of November last, to which we are to request your serious attention and, if approved of, acquiescence in a measure which we deem well calculated to promote the true interests of the ancient craft in this Western Hemisphere and to insure its future prosperity. Conformably to the powers vested in us by said resolutions, we invite you to join the Grand Lodge of this State in the important business proposed, and with due deference beg leave to submit the following arrangements to your consideration.

"1st. That said convention be held in the city of Washington on the —— day of ———, 5801.

"2d. That each Grand Lodge in the Union be authorized to send three delegates with such credentials and instructions as they may think proper to give.

"3d. That as soon as two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the Union are represented as above, the convention be authorized to proceed to business, which shall be considered as binding upon the Lodges so represented.

"4th. That said convention be authorized to frame rules and regulations for their own proceedings, but that all votes be taken by Lodges.

"5th. That each Grand Lodge defray the expenses of their own delegation.

"6th. In order that the several Grand Lodges in the Union may know whether the measures now proposed are approbated by at least two-thirds of all the Grand Lodges, and that a convention will

be held, the Grand Lodge of this State will, as soon as they can be informed, advertise the same one month in at least one of the public papers of each State in which Grand Lodges exist, that the proposal is so agreed to, and the time when and the place where such convention is to be held, which shall be considered by such Grand Lodges as sufficient authority for them to proceed and to elect their delegates as before mentioned; the expense of said advertisement to be defrayed jointly by the several Grand Lodges so uniting together. As this is a business which will necessarily consume a great deal of time in maturing and organizing, we are to request you will take it up as early as possible, and favor us with your answer as soon as you can make it convenient.

"We remain, R. W. Brothers, yours most respectfully and fraternally,

(Signed) "JOHN MITCHELL, D. G. M.,
BENJAMIN CUDWORTH, S. G. W.,
SETH PAINE, J. G. W."

The Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that upon receipt of the letter he delivered the same by direction of the R. W. Grand Master to the Committee of Correspondence, who had then the former communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina on the same subject under consideration.

The Committee of Correspondence then presented their report on the above subject, which was read, and is in the words following:

"TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"The Committee of Correspondence, to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, respectfully report:

"That the aforesaid Grand Lodge have in view the establishment of a *Superintending Grand Lodge*, and the calling of a Masonic convention, for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same, and of framing the Constitution. That your Committee on examining the proceedings of your R. W. Grand Lodge do find that at a Quarterly Grand Communication held June 7, 5790, a letter was read from the R. W. James Jackson, inclosing two resolves of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, whereupon after arguments, on motion and

seconded, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge, to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the continent, as proposed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, is inexpedient and appears impracticable, and a committee was appointed to write a letter to the several Grand Lodges of the United States of America, inclosing a copy of the above, and assigning the reasons upon which it is founded.

"That the following is the tenor of the circular written and forwarded to nine Grand Lodges then known in the United States:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 29, 5790.

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS:

"Agreeably to our appointment, we now inclose a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the proposal made by the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Georgia '*to constitute a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the continent.*'

"The constituting of a Supreme Grand Lodge has been judged inexpedient, as it would effectually destroy the authority of the respective Grand over their Subordinate Lodges, and subvert that connection and dependence which at present subsist betwixt them, and which have always been deemed indispensable to the regular and orderly prosecution of their work. The general advantage of the Craft requires that the Subordinate Lodges should be placed as much as possible under the immediate superintending care of a Grand Lodge, which by the proximity of its situation may correct their errors, attend to their wants, and inspire them with the true spirit of our sublime institution. Such were undoubtedly the considerations under which Grand Lodges have been established in the most parts of the United States, and we see with the greatest satisfaction the good effect it has already produced. New Lodges have been formed, and those who had neglected or suspended their works have resumed them with much greater zeal; whereas the exercise of a jurisdiction so extensive and at the same time so particular as that proposed, which comprehends not only those important concerns which occupy the attention of the respective Grand Lodges, but also the most minute affairs of all the Subordinate Lodges, must be attended with innumerable delays, difficulties, and embarrassments, eventually

produce the greatest confusion and disorder throughout the whole Fraternity, and of course have an effect very contrary to that expected. But in order to complete the grand work thus begun a more intimate union should be formed, and a regular and permanent intercourse established betwixt the several Grand Lodges, that our combined exertions might enable us to display in a more conspicuous manner the benevolent spirit of our Order, whereby the respectability of the Craft would be proportionably increased, and an uniformity of discipline pervading the Subordinate Lodges, Masonry would shine with as great a degree of splendor in the Republic of America as it has done in the Kingdoms of Europe. The most eligible way to effect so desirable a purpose would be to have at proper periods a grand convention of deputies from the different Grand Lodges, whose business should be to enquire into and propose such things as would be the most conducive to promote and establish on the firmest basis Union, Brotherly Love, and Harmony amongst Brethren, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have accordingly resolved to appoint deputies to such convention. In short the proposal has also been considered impracticable, as it is presumed that the respective Grand Lodges will never consent to abridge in the smallest degree their natural and lawful authority over the Subordinate Lodges, nor subject themselves to the jurisdiction of a Supreme Grand Lodge, which, by absorbing and swallowing up all those powers which we are of opinion they should retain for the real benefit, advantage, and advancement of the Royal Art, would render them entirely useless and insignificant.

"Your committee are of opinion that the reasons assigned in the aforesaid letter are sufficient and in full force, and beg leave to offer the following resolutions, to wit, that the establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge, and the calling of a Masonic convention for the purpose of instituting and organizing the same, and of framing a Constitution as proposed by the R. W. the Grand Lodge of South Carolina is inexpedient and impracticable.

(Signed) "P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
M. LEIB,
JAMES MILNOR.

"PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 3, 5800."

Which report was unanimously accepted and approved of, and the Committee of Correspondence was directed to write a letter to the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and transmit them, as well as all other the R. W. Grand Lodges of the United States, copies of the said report. (See copy of letter under date of June 24, 1800. Library Committee.)

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the Committee of Arrangement on the occasion of the late procession in honor of the memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, wait on the Rev[d] Samuel Magaw, D.D., and present to him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the elegant oration by him delivered on the said occasion, and request that he may be pleased to favor the Grand Lodge with a copy thereof for publication.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the corporation of the German Lutheran Congregation in this city for the use of Zion Church on the 22d ult., on the occasion of the procession and other solemnities of that day in honor of the memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, and for their very polite attention and assistance on said occasion, and that Brother Grand Secretary communicate the same officially.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the ladies and gentlemen comprising the Singing Society of the German Lutheran Congregation, and to the gentlemen who joined the said society with instrumental music for the great honor by them done to this Grand Lodge by their assistance in Zion Church, on the 22d ult., at the solemnities of that day in honor of the memory of our late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, and that Bro. Grand Secretary communicate the same officially.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th March, A.L. 5800.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 71, 72, 74, 77.

So much of the minutes of the last Communication as relates to two petitions then received, praying for warrants for holding Lodges;

also to the appointment of the committee to make enquiries concerning members of our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, were read.

The Committee of Arrangement on the occasion of the late procession in honor of the memory of our late Illustrious Brother Gen[l] Geo. Washington, made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The committee appointed at an Extra Grand Communication of the said R. W. Grand Lodge held on the 3d February last to make the necessary and proper arrangements for a procession then resolved to be held on the 22d of the same month, in the city of Philadelphia, in honor of the memory of their late Illustrious Brother General George Washington, deceased, beg leave to report,

"That in compliance with the resolutions of the R. W. Gr[d] Lodge your committee made such arrangements in the premises as to them appeared proper for carrying the said resolutions into effect. That having so made the necessary arrangements, they notified the Brethren desirous of joining in procession to meet at the Grand Lodge Room on the 22d of Feb'y, being Saturday, at 11 o'clock A.M.

"That accordingly the Grand Lodge and Brethren met in the Grand Lodge Room, in the State House, in the city of Philadelphia, at 11 o'clock A.M., of the said day, and the Brethren formed by Lodges, in the following manner, to wit:

Tyler, with drawn sword, hilt in mourning.
Entered Apprentices, two and two.
Fellow Crafts, two and two.
Master Masons, two and two.
Deacons, with their wands tipped with silver, the tops in mourning.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Wardens.
Past Masters, two and two.
Master.

The Brethren having crape on their left arm and the Emblems and Insignia covered with black, agreeably to a resolution of the

Grand Lodge of St. John's Day last, to continue in force until St. John's Day next.

The several Lodges being thus formed, and the Grand Lodge organized in ample form, the procession moved from the Grand Lodge Room, at 1 o'clock, in the following order, viz.:

1. Trumpeter, with trumpet in mourning.

2. The French Lodge L'Amenité, No. 73, Bro. Joseph E. G. M. De La Grange, Esq., W. Master.

3. Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, Bro. Christian Sheetz, Esq., W. Master.

4. Orange Lodge, No. 71, Bro. William Nelson, W. Master.

5. Concordia Lodge, No. 67, Bro. Henry Voigt, W. Master *pro tem.*

6. Washington Lodge, No. 59, Bro. Robert Jackson, W. Master *pro tem.* (The W. Master, Bro. John McElwee, filling his office, that of R. W. Grand Treasurer in the Grand Lodge.)

This Lodge, named after the deceased Brother, had prepared for the occasion and carried in the procession, by four members of the Lodge, on a bier covered with black cloth, an elegant urn, about four feet high, gilt in burnished gold, placed on a white marble base of three steps, inscribed on the plinth, "Washington Lodge, No. 59," having on the top an eagle drooping, gilt in like manner. From his beak was suspended a shield, gilt, with the following inscription:

"WASHINGTON LODGE, Honored by the name, let us emulate his virtues, whose loss we deplore."

7. Harmony Lodge, No. 52, Bro. George Springer, W. Master.

8. Lodge No. 19, Bro. Captain John Coyle, W. Master.

9. Lodge No. 9, Bro. Captain Andrew Nilson, W. Master.

10. Lodge No. 3, Bro. Colonel John Barker, W. Master *pro tem.* (The Worshipful Master, Bro. Israel Israel, Esq., filling his office in the Grand Lodge, that of R. W. Deputy G. M.)

11. Lodge No. 2, Bro. John Philips, W. Master.

12. Band of music, instruments in mourning.

13. The Grand Lodge then followed in the following order, viz.:

Grand Tyler, with drawn sword, hilt in mourning.

Twelve Past Masters, two and two, bearing wands tipped with silver, the tops in mourning.

Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn sword, hilt in mourning.

Grand Secretary, with scroll in mourning, and Grand Treasurer.

Grand Wardens, bearing their columns in mourning.

Three lights EXTINGUISHED, borne by three Past Masters.

Holy Bible, Square and Compass, in mourning, borne by a Past Master, and supported by two Past Masters.

The Rev^d Dr. Magaw, supported by two Past Masters.

The R. W. Grand Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Pursuivant, with drawn sword, hilt in mourning.

Four Deacons of the Grand Lodge, two and two, bearing wands tipped with gold, the tops in mourning.

"In the above order the procession, consisting of between 300 and 400 Brethren,* moved along Chestnut Street to Third Street, along Third Street to Mulberry or Arch Street, along Arch Street to Fourth Street, and along Fourth Street to Zion Church, one of the churches of the German Lutheran Congregation, the corporation whereof had upon application to them very obligingly granted the use of the said church for the occasion.

"The front of the procession having reached the church, the Brethren opened their ranks and faced inwards; the Grand Lodge, with the urn in front, moved forward through the ranks, the Brethren closed from the rear and followed the Grand Lodge into the church, where a pathetic and elegant oration was delivered by the Rev^d Dr. Magaw. In the intervals of service solemn funeral odes in the German language, composed for the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, and set to music by Messrs. Emrich and Weizsaecker, were sung by the singing society of the aforesaid congregation, accompanied by a full orchestra, under the direction of Messrs. Emrich and Weizsaecker.

"The business of the day being finished the procession, with the urn in front, returned in inverse order to the Grand Lodge room.

"The whole was arranged and conducted with that order, simplicity, and dignity, which was suitable to the impressive occasion, and which the Masons of Pennsylvania have always endeavored to cultivate.

"Several Brethren from the neighboring Lodges came to the city

* The number of Brethren in the procession was 333, thus the truly Masonic 3 times 3 occurring accidentally.

to attend the procession, and many others were detained from coming as they were engaged in rendering similar tokens of regard in their respective Lodges.

"ISRAEL ISRAEL,
"Chairman.

"PHILADELPHIA, 3d March, A. L. 5800."

Which report was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred a petition presented at the last Quarterly Communication, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in this city, made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Whereupon your Committee beg leave to report, That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted; that in the opinion of your Committee there is already a sufficient number of Lodges in this city, which are far from being full, as your Committee are informed; that in the opinion of your Committee it is inconsistent with the duty the Grand Lodge owes to Masonry to grant a warrant to persons who have not been members of some Lodge under the jurisdiction thereof, especially when they have had such ample opportunity of their shewing their respect for our Order, as has been afforded in the case of the present applicants, they having been resident in this city for a long while, as is said.

(Signed) "JOHN COYLE,
J. W. VAN CLEVE,
P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
CADW. GRIFFITH,
BRITOM ESTILL.

"March 17, 5800."

Which report was not accepted. A motion was made and seconded that the prayer of the said petition be granted. On the question being taken, the motion was lost.

The Committee to whom was referred a petition presented at the last Quarterly Communication, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Germantown, made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"Your Committee on the within petition beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the prayers of the petitioners be granted, but owing to the sickness of the Brother who is intended to be Master of the said Lodge, who is said to be since several days in the greatest danger of his life, your Committee beg leave to recommend that the Right Worshipful Grand Master be desired to name the officers of the said Lodge, that the warrant may be filled by the Grand Secretary.

(Signed) "John Coyle,
J. W. Van Cleve,
P. Lebarbier Duplessis,
Cadw. Griffith,
Britom Estill.

"Philadelphia, March 17, 5800."

On motion, made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant in the names of Richard Pótter, Master; John Sellers, Senior Warden; and Joshua Z. Cozens, Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge be numbered 81, and called Hyram Lodge.

The Committee who were appointed to make inquiries concerning members of our Lodges visiting the African Lodge, not being ready to report, was continued over.

A letter from Bro. A. Belin, Secretary of Lodge No. 73, to Bro. Grand Secretary was read. It is in the words following:

"Philadelphia, 16th February, 1800.

"Dear Brother:

"I have been directed by the French Lodge L'Amenité, to send to you the inclosed copies of the funeral oration delivered on the melancholy occasion of the death of our Illustrious Brother George Washington, and beg the Worshipful Grand Lodge would accept of the same, as a mark of esteem and friendship.

"I have the favor to be,
"Your most affectionate brother,
"By order,
"A. Belin,
"Secretary."

Said letter inclosed several of the funeral orations therein mentioned in the French language, which the Grand Lodge were pleased to accept as a mark of the esteem and friendship of Lodge No. 73 for this Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that on an invitation to the Grand Officers from the Worshipful French Lodge, L'Amenité, No. 73, they had attended, on the 1st of January last, the delivery of an oration by order of that Lodge, on the occasion of the death of our late Brother, General Washington; that the oration by Brother Chaudron, Orator of the Lodge, was irresistibly impressive, critically judicious and sublime, and was followed by elegant addresses by the Worshipful Master, Brother De la Grange, to the Grand Officers and visitors, which were energetic, beautifully conceived, and evincive of the highest respect for this R. W. Grand Lodge; that the interior of the Lodge exhibited a display of superior taste, elegance, and splendor truly appropriate to the interesting occasion; the R. W. Grand Master recommended that the account of the whole as given in the public papers at the time, though it conveys an inadequate idea of the transactions and their effect, be inserted among the minutes of the Grand Lodge as being highly creditable to the Lodge No. 73, and to the principles and practices of the Craft, and observed that from information he could congratulate the Grand Lodge on sundry other very respectable exhibitions by other Lodges under this jurisdiction on the same occasion.

The R. W. presented a printed copy of the oration and addresses, as translated into English, to be preserved among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the account referred to by the R. W. be inserted among the minutes of the Grand Lodge. It is as follows:

"The Lodge room was completely hung in black. In the centre, on a platform, to which the ascent was by five steps, a bier was raised, with the Mason's insignia and military decorations proper to the character of the deceased, surrounding which were several urns suitably decorated. Over and surrounding the bier, which stood five feet above the Lodge, the Lodge displayed, suspended from the ceiling, festoons and knots of black drapery, interspersed with suitable emblems and above three hundred lights."

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, 21st April, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 68, 71, 72, 77.

A note from Richard Potter, who was named M^r in the warrant lately granted for holding a Lodge at Germantown, directed to the other petitioners for said warrant, informing them of his declining to serve, was read, and thereupon a petition from the same brethren who petitioned for the aforesaid warrant was read. It stated that for weighty reasons they were induced to wish a change in the Master, and that instead of Richard Potter it might be Matthew Huston.

On consideration, *Resolved*, That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary insert the name of Matthew Huston, as Master, in the warrant, instead of Richard Potter.

[A number of appeals from the action of Lodges were referred.]

A letter from Lodge No. 60, dated 6th January last, was read. It stated that in consequence of our circular of 17th June last their Lodge had been convened and took the same into consideration; that having labored under many inconveniences with respect to their former situation of a Lodge room, they had purchased a piece of ground and erected thereon a stone building for a Lodge; that from this undertaking and other causes their funds were so exhausted they could not now discharge their Grand Lodge dues, and therefore prayed the brotherly indulgence of this Gr^d Lodge, giving assurances of their exerting themselves to discharge the same as soon as they shall have it in their power. Said letter also condoled with this Grand Lodge on the demise of our late Brother, General Washington.

Also a letter from J. P. Schott, Master of Lodge No. 61, dated 25th ultimo, giving an account of a procession had and an oration delivered on St. John's Day last on the occasion of the death of Brother General Washington.

A letter from Lodge No. 11, dated 22d February last, was read. It stated that James, George, and John S—— had complained to that Lodge of the vote of exclusion passed against them by Lodge No. 80, and prayed that the Grand Lodge would appoint some brothers

that would judge them impartially, so that their accusers would not be their triers.

(The appeal of the above was presented and referred to a Committee of five—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.)

The following Resolution was read, laid on the table, and ordered to lie over for consideration to the next meeting:

"This R. W. G. L. being informed that several Masters of Lodges had given orders on the Tyler for the loan of the Jewels and Aprons of their Lodges, to be made use of in the performance of a theatrical representation for the benefit of Mr. Francis:

"*Resolved*, That this R. W. G. L. disapprove of the conduct of the aforesaid Masters, inasmuch as the use to which these emblems of our Order are applied is degrading to the dignity of the Craft, and has a manifest tendency to render it trifling and ridiculous in the eyes of the public and of all sensible men, and that any such application of these ornaments be considered as meeting the severe disapprobation of this body."

Brother Baker, from the Committee of Arrangements on the occasion of the late procession in honor of the memory of our late Brother, General Washington, reported: That said Committee had, agreeably to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, presented the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Rev^d Dr. Magaw for the elegant oration by him delivered on the said occasion, and requested him to furnish a copy thereof for publication; that he had very obligingly complied with said request; that the oration was now in the press, and that Mr. Ormrod (the printer thereof) had agreed to furnish whatever number of copies this Grand Lodge should want at $\frac{3}{16}$ of a dollar per piece.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary procure two hundred copies of the said oration and transmit them to our own Lodges, to the different Grand Lodges with whom we communicate, and to such persons as the R. W. Grand Master shall direct.

Grand Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 25th April, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 74.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of taking into consideration a petition praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the town of Milford, in Wayne County. The said petition was thereupon read, and it being duly recommended, agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, *Ordered*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, in the names of Samuel C. Seely, Master; John Brink, S. W., and Eliphelet Kellogg, J. W., and that the said Lodge be numbered 82.

Ordered, That Bro. Sam[l] C. Seely's note, at 90 days, indorsed by Bro. Andrew Nilson for amount of the cost of said warrant for Lodge No. 82, and for the expenses of this meeting of the Grand Lodge, be received in payment for the same.

Bro. Seely was then installed, recognized, and saluted as Master of Lodge No. 82.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d June, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 21, 43, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74.

A petition from the members of Lodge No. 46, held at Churchtown, Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, was read. It stated the great inconvenience they labored under in attending their Lodge, the most of them living at the distance of eighteen miles therefrom, therefore praying for permission to remove the said Lodge to Ephrata, in Cocalico Township, in said county, it being the most central and convenient place for their meeting.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

[An appeal from the action of Lodge No. 52 was read and referred to a committee.]

A communication from American Union Lodge, No. 1, held at Marietta, dated 10th April last, and acknowledging receipt of our communication of December last, and condoling with this Grand Lodge on the death of our late Brother, General Washington, was read and ordered to be filed.

A communication in the French language was received from Lodge No. 47, held at Cape François, and referred to the Committee of Correspondence. This communication was on board of a vessel, which was captured and carried into Jamaica, where it was delivered to the agent of the United States, as appears by the following indorsement on it:

"KINGSTON, JAMAICA, Jan'y 22, 1800.

"Rec^d from R., of Admiralty's Office.

"WM. SAVAGE,
"Agent of the U. S. of America."

It is presumed that it came to Mr. Savage's hands opened, as it was opened when it was received at Philadelphia from the post-office.

A report from Brother Terrence Campbell was read. It stated that in virtue of a dispensation to him from the R. W. Grand Master, dated the 31st of January last, he had on the 3d of April last duly installed the officers of, and constituted Lodge No. 79, at Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

[A committee to investigate the suspension of a Brother in No. 19 made report, from which the following is an extract:]

"it is sufficient for them to mention that no notice of the charge was given to the appellant, nor does it appear that he knew of an accusation until he was informed of the resolution from which he has appealed. Your committee are unanimously of opinion that it will not be proper for this Right Worshipful body to recognize such a procedure in this instance, as it may lay the foundation of future injustice, and essentially interfere with those just and equitable considerations, on an attention to which, in a good measure, depends the permanent prosperity and harmony of the Craft."

[The report was adopted.]

On motion, *Ordered*, That the committee on the business respect-

ing some of our members visiting the African Lodge, report at the next Communication.

Grand General Communication, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 24th June, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 52, 56, 59, 68, 71, 72, 73.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the house of Daniel Skinner, Senr., in Upper Smithfield Township, Northampton (now Wayne) County, Pennsylvania, to be named St. Tammany's Lodge, and that Reuben Skinner may be named Master, Adam Pierce Senior Warden, and Jonathan Dexter Junior Warden of the same, which being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, *Ordered*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 83.

A petition from sundry Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the District of Southwark; that Isaac Hozey may be named Master, George Springer Senior Warden, and A. Campbell Junior Warden, and that the said Lodge may be called the Benevolent Lodge.

On consideration the said petition was referred to Bros. Town, A. Nilson, Jackson, McKarraher, and Uhle, who are to make inquiries concerning the same and report to this Grand Lodge.

[A letter from Bro. Pierre Delauney, deputed to visit Lodge St. John, Les Freres Unis, No. 77, at Port D'Espagne, in the Island of Trinidad. Also a letter from said Lodge, in the French language, which translated is as follows:]

"AT THE EAST OF PORT D'ESPAGNE, ISLAND TRINIDAD.

"'To the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe.'

"The Lodge Saint John, Les Freres Unis, No. 77.

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction over the Lodges of Ancient York Masons under their Jurisdiction, Greeting and Respect.

"Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge:

"The day of the installation of our Lodge is the era to which they are indebted for their happiness.

"They will never forget that to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania they owe their being a regular Lodge.

"The several members have solemnly engaged to express you their eternal gratitude, and to assure you of their respectful Brotherly submission. We feel ourselves also extremely happy this day that the Grand Lodge have directed the Perfect Brother Pierre Delaunay to visit us. We owe that great favor to the love our Worshipful Mother has for her children. We pray for the continuation of your kind attention. If from the report of Brother Delaunay you find we have been successful in our works, you may believe that a part of their brightness is due to the light we have received from the Grand Lodge.

"By imitating your example we will find the sure means of strengthening an institution, which has for its basis virtue and charity. We send you a copy of the proceedings which took place at the extraordinary meeting on the day when our Lodge had the honor of being inspected in your name by your deputy, Bro. Pierre Delaunay; also the election of our officers, which was made in due form and unanimously at the last St. John; also the list of the members of our Lodge, with the alterations which have been made since our last communication. We have given to Bro. Delaunay a sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; one part whereof is intended to pay the dues of Lodge No. 77 to the Grand Lodge and for the initiations, agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, to March 4th of the present year. We wish the other part of that sum to be applied as a voluntary contribution to assist in the purchase or building of a place suitable for the meetings of the R. W. Grand Lodge. The Lodge Les Freres Unis, No. 77, wishing to see their worthy members attain the highest degrees of the Royal Art and Free Masonry, did receive with rapture the copies of the regulations of a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch, established under your sanction. We have deposited a copy amongst the archives of the Lodge, and the other has been delivered to seven perfect members, unanimously elected amongst us, to form, under the

sanction of our warrant, a H. Royal Arch Chapter. We do authorize them to apply to the General Grand Chapter of R. Arch that they may obtain a regular warrant of that supreme degree. We do pray the W[l]. the Grand Lodge to befriend them. We do recommend them as faithful and bright geometric Master Masons and as skilful workmen, who have been worthy of holding the chair, and they have filled the offices of the Lodge to the satisfaction of this Brethren, etc., which we do certify in favor of our well-beloved Brethren. May the holy blessings of the Supreme Great Architect of the Universe attend the worshipful members of the R. W. Grand Lodge and their sublime works. Amen.

"We have the respectful favor of saluting you by the mysterious numbers that are known unto you.

"Done in the Lodge and given under our seal the 6th day of April, 1800, Anno Lucis 5800.

By order,

V. PATRICE, R,*
Secretary Lodge No. 77.

F[r]. MALLOT, R.O.,*
Master of Lodge Les Freres Unis, No. 77."

Translated and presented by (June 23d, 1800) P. Lebarbier Duplessis, Proxy to Lodge No. 77.

[Then follows a translation of extract from the proceedings of Lodge No. 77.]

On consideration the said communication, etc., from Lodge No. 77 were referred to the Committee of Correspondence, who are to answer the same and to return the most cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge to her dutiful and affectionate Lodge Les Freres Unis, No. 77, for the aforesaid handsome present.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, Unanimously that the R. W. G. M., R. W. D. G. M., and R. W. S. G. W. be a committee to invest the said one hundred dollars so presented by Lodge No. 77 in some public stock for account of this Grand Lodge, to be applied to the purposes contemplated by Lodge No. 77.

The Grand Lodge then closed.

Copy of a letter written by the Committee of Correspondence, in compliance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 3d March last, to the different Grand Lodges in the United States on the subject of the propositions made by the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina for establishing a *Superintending Grand Lodge.*

"CIRCULAR.

"PHILADELPHIA, March 28th, 1800.

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHERS:

"In conformity to the resolutions of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn^a^. herewith transmitted, and in their name, we address you on this occasion.

"We are convinced that, upon consideration, you will approve the motives which have induced the Grand Lodge of Penn^a^. not to accede to the proposals made by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina for the establishing of a Superintending Grand Lodge, etc.

"The Grand Lodge of Penn^a^. will ever most cordially join in all endeavors more closely to cement the union which should exist betwixt all Gr^d^. Lodges, to strengthen the pillars of our ancient institution by a constant and general Masonic correspondence, and to give and receive at all times such communications as concern the Craft or may promote their advancement. You will find by our proceedings that we persist in our opinion that a Grand Convention of Deputies from the different Grand Lodges, held occasionally as circumstances may require, would answer every useful purpose and not be attended with any bad consequences. There, we conceive, the distinction between modern and ancient Masonry may be taken up, and the sense of the Craft be expressed on the steps proper to be pursued on this subject. Masonry is certainly an entire system, and regularly-made Masons ought to consider themselves as members of but one family.

"It is with peculiar pleasure we inform you of the increasing prosperity of ancient Masonry under our jurisdiction, as well as under that of the different Gr^d^. Lodges in the different quarters of the globe in union with us. We beg your R. W. Grand Lodge

would acknowledge the receipt of this communication. With esteem and best wishes for your Grand Lodge and the Craft under its jurisdiction, we are, Right Worshipful Brothers,

"Your sincere friends and faithful Brothers,

(Signed) "P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
M. LEIB,
JAMES MILNOR.

"R. W. GRAND LODGE NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GEORGIA."

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st September, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, ESQ., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 68, 71, 73, 74, 80, 81.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That no visitors be admitted this evening after 8 o'clock.

[Charity Committee presented their minutes, which were read and approved of.]

A pamphlet containing an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in the year A. L. 5799 was received and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

[The election returns from a number of Lodges are presented in full on the minutes.]

A letter dated July 18th, 1800, from Lodge No. 64, held at Greensburg, attested under seal of the Lodge, was read. It stated that Bros. John Campbell, James Clark, and William G. Elder, from Somerset, had prayed said Lodge to recommend them to this Grand Lodge to obtain a warrant for holding a Lodge in the town of Somerset, and recommended them accordingly. No petition having been received for a warrant as above, the said recommendation was ordered to lie on the table.

A communication was received from the French Lodge L'Aménité, No. 73, setting forth the generous and truly Masonic conduct of Bro. Mathias Ford, of Lodge No. 67, towards two worthy members of Lodge No. 73, and other persons, who went to St. Domingo in a vessel of which Bro. Ford was captain, and inclosing the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That Bro. Mathias Ford is, and shall hereafter be, an honorary member of this Worshipful Lodge.

2d. *Resolved*, That a certificate, expressive of this inadequate homage paid to the Masonic virtues of said Brother Ford, shall be made out in as acceptable and elegant a manner as the approaching departure of this worthy Brother will admit.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Lodge is hereby directed to deliver to said Brother Ford authentic copies of the communications addressed to this Lodge by our sister Lodges of Port au Prince, and which contain both a narrative of what this Brother has done and the best merited praises of his conduct.

A petition from Lodge No. 80 was read. It set forth that the present place of meeting of said Lodge at the United States Arms, Sadsbury Township, Chester County, is very inconvenient for the chief part of their members; therefore praying for permission to remove said Lodge to the sign of the Rising Sun, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

The committee appointed on the 24th June last on the petition of sundry Brethren, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the district of Southwark, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"The committee appointed on the within petition beg leave to report, that having met for the purpose of proceeding in the business assigned them, they received a letter (herewith presented) from Bro. Bussiere, one of the within petitioners, requesting that for reasons therein given he might not be considered as an applicant. His name being withdrawn from said petition leaves the same with only four petitioners, and cannot, therefore, be further acted upon, as agreeable to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, five petitioners

are indispensably necessary to a petition praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge, which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) "THOS. TOWN,
ANDW. NILSON,
ROBT. JACKSON,
JOHN UHLE,
DANL MCKARRAHER.

"July 28, 1800."

Which report was ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee of Accounts presented the account of Bro. Baker, Grand Secretary, from St. John's Day, Dec., 1797, to St. John's Day, June last, together with their report on the same, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE:

"The Committee of Accounts respectfully report that they have examined the within and foregoing account of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Baker, commencing St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1797, and ending St. John's Day, June 24, 1800, and compared the same with the proper vouchers, by which it appears that his receipts during the above-mentioned period amount to nine hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-nine cents, and his expenditures to the sum of four hundred and six dollars and sixty-one and a half cents; that there remained in his hands on the said 24th June, 1800, due to the Grand Lodge, a balance of five hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-seven and one-half cents.

(Signed) "JAMES MILNOR,
SAML. ISRAEL,
Committee."

Which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee of Accounts presented the account of Brother McElwee from 28th December, 1798, to 5th July last, together with their report thereon, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

The Committee of Accounts respectfully report that understand-

ing the Grand Treasurer, Bro. McElwee, was about to depart for Europe, the committee conceived it their duty to call upon him for a settlement of his accounts. That agreeably to their request Bro. McElwee attended a meeting of the committee at Bro. Baker's, when some progress was made in the settlement of his accounts, and Bro. McElwee assuring the committee that he was not about to leave the city another meeting was appointed, previous to which, however, Bro. McElwee sailed for Europe; that the committee then called on Bros. Orr and Cannan, who were in possession of the papers of Bro. McElwee, who obligingly permitted the committee to examine such as related to the office of Grand Treasurer, and from which the committee have been enabled to make out the annexed account, the credits of which correspond with the Grand Secretary's books, and the debits of which are made up from Bro. McElwee's vouchers. The committee are of opinion that a balance of two hundred and eleven pounds 6*s.* 7*d.* remains due the Grand Lodge by Bro. McElwee.

(Signed) "JAMES MILNOR,
SAM'L ISRAEL,
Committee.

"Sept. 1, 1800."

Which was ordered to lie on the table.

Whereupon a motion was made and seconded that the Grand Lodge now go into the election of a Grand Treasurer to serve in the room of Bro. McElwee until the next general election.

On motion, the consideration of the above motion was postponed until the next meeting of this Lodge.

On motion, the committee appointed on the 3d February and 3d March last, on the business respecting some of our members visiting the African Lodge, were discharged.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 2d September, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 74.

[The committee on By-Laws reported.]

On motion, the report of the committee on the account of Bro. Baker, Grand Secretary, read yesterday, was now read a second time, and accepted.

On motion, the report of the Committee of Accounts on the account of Bro. McElwee, Grand Treasurer, read yesterday, was now read a second time, and accepted.

The consideration of the motion made yesterday that the Grand Lodge now go into the election of a Grand Treasurer, to serve in the room of Bro. McElwee until the next general election, and which was postponed to this meeting, was now resumed. On the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative. The Grand Lodge, therefore, proceeded to the election, when Brother Gavin Hamilton was duly elected Grand Treasurer, and immediately after installed in the said office.

Brother Milnor, chairman of the committee appointed the 21st April last, on the appeals of Bros. F. and W., presented an account of expenses incurred by said committee, amounting to £5 19*s.* 5½*d.*, which was paid by him, and prayed that he might be reimbursed the same.

On motion, made and seconded, *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Brother Milnor for the said sum, and that the same be charged to Lodge No. 19, from whose decision the said appeals were made.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st December, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 62, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 81.

[The minutes of the Committee of Charity were received and approved.]

A communication from the G. L. of Ireland, of 7th August last, was read, and is in the words following:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland acknowledge with sincere affection the communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and being fully sensible that nothing can more effectually contribute to the welfare of the Craft than general and unreserved intercourse between the several Grand Lodges of the world, the Grand Lodge of Ireland will anxiously seek all occasions to cultivate correspondence with them, and especially with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Actuated by sensations of the deepest regret, the Grand Lodge of Ireland desire to intermix their afflictions with the Brethren of America on the death of the great and good man, pre-eminent in every attribute which can adorn or illustrate the human character. Living, he realized and practiced the virtues which sages have imagined and the Christian dispensation has revealed. Called by the Omniscient Architect to the regions of everlasting life and light, he has left behind for the contemplation and instruction of mankind that well-earned and imperishable fame which shall endure on earth until time merges in eternity. The Masonic and eloquent address delivered by the Right Worshipful Jonathan Bayard Smith to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania so emphatically speaks the sentiments of the Grand Lodge of Ireland that they have ordered it to be recorded in testimony of the veneration in which they hold the memory of their departed brother, George Washington."

It contained a list of their Grand Officers, being

R^{t} W. and R^{t} Honble Richard Lord Viscount Donoughmore,	G. M.
Honble Major-General John Hely Hutchinson,	S. G. W.
" Alexander Jaffray, Esqr,	J. G. W.
" John Bordman, Esqr,	G. Treasurer.
" Georges D'Arcy Irwine, Esqr,	Grand Secretary.
Mr. Thomas Corker,	Dep. Gr. Secretary.

It was accompanied with a letter from the J. G. W., and one from the G. Treasurer, which intimated that an orphan school had been established under the patronage of the Gr^{d} Lodge, who had given £200 towards its support, and that the institution was intended for the maintainance and education of the female children of deceased Brethren, and requesting that one of the *Ahiman Rezons*, published by this G. L., might be sent.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada was read, and contained an address of the said Grand Lodge to his Royal Highness, Edward, Duke of Kent, R. W. Gr^d Master of said Grand Lodge, and his Royal Highness's answer thereto.

Also list of expulsions, etc.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was read, inclosing a copy of By-Laws, etc., of said Grand Lodge.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, containing proceedings, etc., and list of Grand Officers; also suspensions and expulsions.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Georgia of 7th July last was read.

A letter from Bro. Alexander, R. W. J. G. W., dated 21st ultimo, was read. It stated that he had lately had an appointment from the State of Delaware, which would put it out of his power in future to give his attendance at the meetings of this Grand Lodge, therefore resigning his office of J. G. Warden.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the town of Somerset, in the county of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and that John Campbell may be named Master, William G. Elder Senior Warden, and James Clarke Junior Warden of the same, which, being duly recommended by Lodge No. 64 (which recommendation was read the 1st September last, and was again read), according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 84.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the town of Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and that Samuel Marshall may be named Master, John Crawford Senior Warden, and John Buchanan Junior Warden of the same, which, being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 85.

The Committee of Correspondence reported that they had received communications from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which contain resolutions, of which the committee notice the following:

October, 5793.—Quarterly meetings of the Grand Lodge discontinued.

November, 5796.—That it would be highly proper for the Grand Lodge to recommend to the Subordinate Lodges that balloting in the case of introducing candidates to the mysteries of Masonry should be confined to Master Masons only.

5797. That candidates rejected in any Lodge shall not be eligible in that or any other such Lodge until the expiration of twelve months.

5798.—A Brother may not, without impropriety, be a member of more than one chartered Lodge at one and the same time.

5798.—Corporeal deformity in a candidate for initiation shall not be considered as a sufficient reason for rejecting him, unless his deformity be such as to render him incapable of pursuing his worldly avocations, or likely to prevent him from procuring a livelihood in case he should be necessitated so to do.

5799.—Should any Brother resident in Virginia, who may not belong to any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, deport himself so immorally as to merit the reprobation of his Brethren, the Subordinate Lodge nearest to the place of his residence shall have power to take cognizance of such reprehensible conduct in the same manner as if the said Brother were a member of that Lodge.

5799.—An opinion of the Grand Lodge in favor of the R. W. Grand Master of Maryland concerning some differences arisen between him and the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The committee further report that by communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that the Most W. G. Master, R. W. D. G. Master, Wardens, and members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina have by an Act of the Legislature of that State holden in the city of Raleigh, in November, 1797, been incorporated under the name and title of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

There is a list of Lodges 40 in number, New York 54 Lodges, Connecticut 37 Lodges, and South Carolina 44 Lodges.

A petition from Hiram Lodge, No. 81, held at Germantown, praying for permission to hold a procession on St. John's Day next, was read, and permission granted agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

This being the evening for the election of Grand Officers the following were chosen:

Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith,	re-elected,	R. W. G. Master.
" Israel Israel,	"	R. W. Dy. G. Master.
" James Milnor,	"	R. W. Sr. G. Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve.	elected,	R. W. Jr. G. Warden.
" George A. Baker,	re-elected,	R. W. G. Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton,	"	R. W. G. Treasurer.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bro. Grand Treasurer purchase two tickets in the St. Augustine Church Lottery, and two in the Delaware Bridge Lottery for account of this Grand Lodge.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 2d December, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. PETER LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS (former Grand Officer) in the chair, neither the G. M., Dy. G. M., or G. Wardens being present.

Lodges, Nos. 2, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 59, 68, 74, 77.

There being but few members present, Grand Lodge did not proceed to business, and adjourned in harmony at 8 o'clock to Monday the 15th instant at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th December, A. L. 5800.

Present: Bro. JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges, Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 53, 59, 71, 72, 74, 77, 81.

A petition in the French language from divers Brethren was received, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the Cape in the Island of Saint Domingo, and that Bro. François Ignace Lestrade may be named Master, Lewis Huguenet S. W., and Thomas Caignon J. W. of the same, and that the said Lodge may be named Lodge Les Freres Re-unis, which being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held at Port Republican, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge. Whereupon, a motion made and seconded, ordered

that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 87.

A request was made by Lodge No. 81, that instead of holding their procession on St. John's Day (as allowed by this Grand Lodge on the 1st inst.) they may be permitted to hold the same on New Year's Day, which was granted.

The following motion was made and seconded: *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the fees allowed to Bro. Grand Secretary are not adequate to the trouble he has and time he is obliged to spend in attending to the duties of his office. That the sum of three hundred dollars be allowed to him as a compensation for his past services since four years he has been elected, and that for the time to come he shall be allowed the yearly sum of one hundred dollars over and above the fees allowed him by the regulations of the Grand Lodge, to commence from St. John's Day next.

Ordered to lie on the table to St. John's Day.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That it is indispensable that a discrimination be made between the General and Charity Funds of the Grand Lodge, which has been neglected since several years. That two-thirds of the moneys which shall be found to belong to the Grand Lodge up to the 27th inst. shall be considered as constituting the General Fund, and the other third as constituting the Charity Fund, and that from and after the said 27th instant one-third only of the moneys received for the use of the Grand Lodge shall be applicable and subject to the order of the Grand Committee of Charity.

On motion and seconded, *Resolved*, That Bro. Grand Treasurer be authorized and empowered by the advice and consent of the R. W. Grand Master to vest the moneys which are now in his hands belonging to the General Fund in some productive fund for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that the same shall be done at the expiration of each and every year after the settlement of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's accounts.

[The preceding minutes complete the first volume of original minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—as is found in Book A, which contains 505 pages, also a Register of Lodges constituted up to Lodge No. 45, at Pittsburgh.—Library Committee.]

[COMMENCEMENT OF MINUTE-BOOK B.]

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Saturday, 27th December, A.L. 5800.

Present: Brother Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 81.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, and thereupon the Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices, to wit:

Bro. Jonathan B. Smith, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esq.,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

And proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form and usage. The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Cadwallader Griffith,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Johnston,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. Dr. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Samuel Israel,	Grand Stewards.
" Samuel Passey,	Grand Stewards.
" Andrew Nilson,	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Town,	Room Committee.
" Robert Jackson,	Room Committee.
" William Nelson,	Room Committee.

The following Brethren were appointed Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary, to wit: Bro. John W. Van Cleve for the Northern Liberties, Bro. Israel Israel for the City, and Bro. William Nelson for Southwark.

Bro. Ebenezer Ferguson, who was appointed at the last Grand Quarterly Communication a member of the Committee of Accounts, having at that time been a member of this Grand Lodge, in virtue of his then filling the office of S. W. in Lodge No. 19, but his membership having since ceased by reason of his not having been re-elected S. W. of Lodge No. 19, and consequently his place in the said committee became vacant; therefore Brother Peter Lebarbier Duplessis was now appointed on said committee in the room of Brother Ferguson.

Brother Grand Treasurer informed the Grand Lodge that, in compliance with a resolution of the 1st instant, he had purchased for account of the Grand Lodge two tickets, Nos. 3955 and 3956, in the St. Augustine Church Lottery, and two tickets, Nos. 6415 and 6416, in the Delaware Bridge Lottery.

The resolution proposed at the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, respecting the compensation to be allowed to the Grand Secretary, was unanimously agreed to, with an amendment that the sum of $120 per annum, instead of $100 be allowed to him for his extra services, to commence this day.

Account of Charity Dispensed by the Committee of Charity of the Grand Lodge and the Lodges held in the City of Philadelphia, in the year now passed, ending this day, viz.:

Committee of Charity,	$155 71
Lodge No. 2,	36 00
" No. 3,	50 00
" No. 9,	34 25
" No. 19,	170 00
" No. 51,	
" No. 52,	62 41
" No. 59,	70 00
" No. 67,	45 00
" No. 71,	10 00
" No. 72,	90 00
" No. 73,	1049 87
Total,	$1773 74

Lodge No. 70, held at Tyoga Point, Luzerne County, expended in charity this year $18.22½.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d March, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 59, 67, 71, 72, 74, 77.

[A petition from Lodges Nos. 19, 31, 43, and 55, asking for remission of dues, was read and referred to a committee, which committee reported, and action was deferred.]

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th March, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 71, 77, 80.

The following proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was received and read, to wit:

"At a General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch, held in the City of Philadelphia, January, 14, 1801.

"Present: The R. W. Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., G. Master, "etc., etc., etc.

"On motion, and seconded,

"*Resolved unanimously*, That, in compliance with the regulations "of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and of this Grand Chapter, no candi- "date shall be exalted in any Chapter held under the warrant of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and under the jurisdiction "of this Grand Chapter, unless there is annexed to his petition a "certificate under the hands of the W. Master and Officers of the "Lodge in which such petitioner shall have passed the Chair, and "countersigned by the Secretary, with the seal of the said Lodge, or "a certificate from the Grand Secretary, setting forth that the peti- "tioner is a regular Past Master, having served as Master of such a "Lodge, or having passed the chair by dispensation from the R. "W. Grand Master. Sojourners, and not residents of the State of "Pennsylvania, to be admitted agreeably to the 11th Article of the "Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter as heretofore.

"A true extract from the Minutes.

"P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS, Grd. Sec'y.

"Which said resolution was agreed to by the G. Lodge."

"Special General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

"February 21st, 5801.

"Present: The R. W. JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, Esq., Grand Master, etc.

"A H.·. R.·. A.·. Chapter was opened according to ancient forms, and the M. E. Grand Chief informed the Chapter that he had convened the Chapter for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed on the 18th of December last, to make the necessary inquiries concerning certain proceedings in the H.·. R.·. A.·. Chapter No. 52, wherein Brother Collins had been exalted, though he were not a regular Past Master, which report was presented, read, and unanimously adopted, as follows, to wit:

"*To the M. E. General Grand Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch of Pennsylvania:*

"The committee appointed to make the necessary inquiries concerning the proceedings of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, held under the warrant of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, and empowered to demand and examine the minute-book of the said Chapter; also to visit the Holy Royal Arch Chapters held in the city of Philadelphia, beg leave to report:

"That in compliance with their appointment they have demanded of Companion Cadwallader Griffith, the First Chief of the aforesaid Chapter, their minutes-book, which was brought by Companion Franklin, their Scribe, in company with the said Companion Griffith, to the house of Companion William Nelson, one of your committee, on the 13th of January last, when your committee did carefully examine the said minutes-book, from which they have made the following extracts for the information of this M. E. Grand Chapter:

"*April* 5, 5799.—Brother Passey, Past Master of Lodge No. 67, was exalted.

"*June* 19, 5799.—The By-Laws of the Chapter were adopted. The 7th Article is: 'Every brother who has not passed the chair shall pay 14 dollars, out of which the dispensation shall be paid for; if past the chair, for being exalted, 8 dollars.'

"Article 13th is, 'No Companion shall be considered a member

of this Chapter, or allowed to vote on any question unless he has complied with the 7th Article.'

"*January* 27, 5800.—The 7th Article of the By-Laws was confirmed.

"*February* 19.—Brother Neal, P. M., of No. 2, was exalted. Brother Shea, P. M., and Brother Beal, a M. M.

"*March* 19.—Brothers Savage, Stillwell, P. M. of No. 52, were exalted; also, Brothers Coyle, Ferguson, Jewell, Boucher, of No. 19, Rolph, of No. 51, Paris, of No. 67, and Anson.

"*April* 16.—Brothers Collins, of No. 52, and Arnold, P. M., of No. 67, were exalted.

"*June* 18.—Brother Reed was exalted.

"*August* 20.—Brother William Anderson, of the borough of Chester, was exalted.

"*November* 19.—Brothers Charles Cummings, Henry Sharp, and Christian Anderson, P. M., of No. 67, were exalted.

"*December* 17.—Brothers William A. Foster, P. M., of No. 51, Abram Cohen, of No. 67, and John Vannest, of No. 52, were exalted.

"Your committee do further report, that Companion Cadwallader Griffith did declare to them that he always understood that all the candidates who were admitted in the said Chapter were regular Past Masters; your committee have found by the declaration of Companion Morton, Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, that Brothers Collins and Vannest had been passed the chair without having been duly elected Worshipful Masters of said Lodge, and without having previously obtained dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master, which was done by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, under the plea that the new regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, not expressly or pointedly forbidding the passing of a Brother to the chair, they could do it without the requisites aforesaid. They find, also, that the said Lodge No. 52, convinced of their mistake, have applied to the R. W. Grand Master for dispensations to pass the chair the brothers aforesaid, Collins and Vannest, which was granted, whereby the mistake acknowledged was rectified as far as circumstances could allow.

"Your committee are of opinion that the resolution of this Grand Chapter, at their last meeting, on the 14th of January, is fully ade-

quate to preventing in future any Brother being admitted in any Chapter without having complied with the aforesaid indispensable requisites. They are also of opinion that the present report and the resolution aforesaid be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge, praying them to give to the private Lodges such directions concerning the passing of the chair as will effectually prevent the effects of any further wrong interpretation of their regulations by removing any doubt in the mind of the Brethren, especially as your committee were informed that other Lodges had already passed several Brethren to the chair contrary to the regulations aforesaid and the constant and well-known practice of the Craft.

"Your committee will take the earliest opportunity to visit the Chapters, agreeably to their appointment.

"P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
THOMAS TOWN,
WILLIAM NELSON.

"PHILA., Feb'y 16th, 5801."

On motion, it was agreed that,

"*Whereas*, Some of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, contrary to the regulations thereof, and the constant and well-known practice of the Craft in Pennsylvania, have of late passed Brethren to the chair without having been duly elected Worshipful Masters of said Lodges, and without having obtained dispensations from the R. W. Grand Master for that purpose; therefore,

"On motion, and seconded,

"*Resolved*, That no Brother can be passed the chair without one or the other of the above requisites."

The report of the committee appointed on the petitions of Lodges Nos. 19, 31, 43, and 55, read on the 3d instant, was again read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"TO THE R. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

"The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Lodges Nos. 19, 31, 43, and 55, praying the Grand Lodge would remit

their dues, under different pretences, beg leave to report, That they have considered the said applications, and are of opinion that agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge the dues should be paid annually, and are the only support of the Grand Lodge; that the payment thereof should not be dispensed with but under very special circumstances, which is not the case in either of the present applications. Your committee is conscious that every Lodge should contribute in the same manner to the support of the Grand Lodge, and such a precedent, once established, would not only materially injure the funds of the Grand Lodge, but be considered by many Lodges as a sufficient reason for making such applications from time to time.

"Your committee are sensible that the present peculiar situation of the Grand Lodge is owing to want of punctuality of the Lodges in the payment of their annual dues, which if regularly paid would have enabled the Grand Lodge to purchase or build a suitable place for their meeting and of the several Lodges in this city, whereby the advancement and respectability of the Craft would be much promoted. Your committee beg leave to recommend that such time should be granted to the delinquent Lodges as their particular cases may be found to deserve.

"P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
DANIEL MCKARAHER,
JOHN JOHNSTON.

"PHILA., March 2d, 5801."

Which report was adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence reported as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of Ireland mentions the establishment of an orphans' school for the maintenance and education of the female children of deceased Brethren, express a warm desire to cultivate a correspondence with this Grand Lodge, communicate the grief they have felt at the intelligence of Brother Washington's death, and their resolution to insert in their minutes the address delivered on the occasion by our R. W. Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut have in their By-Laws:

"No warrant is allowed until the Master elect has been examined

as to his Masonic knowledge by the Grand Lodge or a committee by them appointed; and the S^r and J^r Wardens are also to be examined by the officers of some neighboring Lodge and reported to be duly qualified.

"A penalty of eight dollars is imposed upon each Lodge not represented at the Quarterly Communication, and a penalty of five dollars on each Lodge omitting at the proper period to make its return to the Gr^d Lodge."

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th May, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JAMES MILNOR, Esq., in the chair, *pro tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 53, 56, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77.

The R. W. Grand Master *pro tem.* informed the Brethren that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration two petitions which had been received, praying for warrants for holding of Lodges in the Island of St. Domingo. Whereupon a petition from a number of Ancient York Masons, at St. Marc, in the Island of St. Domingo, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at St. Marc, aforesaid, to be called the Lodge La Concorde, and that Brother Jean Pierre Morrell de Guiramond may be named Master, Jean Baptiste Gouley Senior Warden, and Jean Baptiste Bernard Bacquay Junior Warden, was read, and the same being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held in Port Republican, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge; whereupon, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 88.

A petition from a number of Ancient York Masons at Aux Cayes du Fond de l'Isle a' Vaches, in the Island of Saint Domingo, praying for a warrant to hold a Lodge at the said place, to be called the Lodge Les Freres Sincerement Reunis, and that Brother Augustin Siffait de Moncure may be named Master, Pierre Adrien du Peyrat Senior Warden, and Louis Silvan Pigeon Junior Warden, was read, and the same being duly recommended by Lodge No. 47, held at

Port Republican, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge; whereupon, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 89.

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 18th May, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 73, 77.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of laying before them a petition from divers Brethren at New Orleans, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at that place. Said petition was thereupon read. It prayed that a warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge at New Orleans, aforesaid; that Brother Nicholas de Finiels might be named Master, Brother Gaspard de Buys Senior Warden, and Brother Pierre Dulcide Barran Junior Warden of the same, and that the Lodge might be named Lodge Le Candeur, and the same being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 90.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 77.

A letter from Brother William P. Brady, W. M. of Lodge No. 22, dated 20th ultimo, was read. It acknowledged the receipt of the resolutions of this Grand Lodge respecting delinquent Lodges, stated that said Lodge was kept alternately year about in the towns of Sunbury and Northumberland, and intimated his expectation that at their next meeting a settlement with the Grand Lodge would be made.

On motion and seconded, Brothers Milnor, Van Cleve, Hamilton, Town, and Baker were appointed a committee to make the necessary inquiry concerning a suitable place for the meetings of this Grand Lodge.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th June, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 21, 45, 52, 59, 64, 65, 67, 68, 71.

A letter from American Union Lodge No. 1, held at Marietta, dated 6th April last, was read. It was signed, by order of the Lodge, by Daniel Putnam, Secretary. It communicated "that on the night of the 24th March last the house in which they performed their Masonic labors, with all the furniture, clothing, working tools, and jewels of the Royal Arch and Master's Lodge, with the Charter, had been consumed by fire, and requested the Grand Lodge to renew their Charter in such manner as should reinstate them in their former rank and privileges," which not being in form, nor recommended agreeably to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, *Resolved*, That the request contained in said letter cannot be complied with.

On motion and seconded, ordered, that the Brother Grand Secretary write to said Lodge informing them that according to the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge certain formalities are required in applications or petitions for new warrants; that the present application, not being in form agreeably to said regulations, it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge, however desirous so to do, to comply with the said request upon the present application, and that Brother Grand Secretary transmit them a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

A memorial, signed by several members of Lodge No. 59, was read. It set forth that certain irregularities had taken place in the late election for officers in the said Lodge, and prayed the Grand Lodge to suspend or annul the late election in No. 59, and order a new one, or grant them such redress as the Grand Lodge shall think proper after hearing them in support of their charges.

On consideration Brothers Van Cleve, Hamilton, Town, Griffith,

and Philips were appointed a committee to make inquiry concerning the premises and report to the Grand Lodge.

A letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 67 was read. It stated that Brother Henry Snider, otherwise known and called Henry Sharpe, had found out that he had been deceived by the woman who had brought him up, whom he had always conceived to be his mother, and had always kept from him his real name; that he had now found his name to be Snider, which he had adopted; that he had therefore petitioned the Lodge to have Sharpe stricken out and Snider inserted, so that in future it would read Henry Snider; which had been unanimously agreed to by the Lodge, and that by desire of Brother Snider and of the Lodge the same was communicated to the Grand Lodge in order that his name may be inserted in the Grand Lodge books as Henry Snider instead of Henry Sharpe.

On consideration the said request was granted.

The Grand Treasurer reported that both the tickets of this Grand Lodge in the St. Augustine Church Lottery had drawn blank.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 23d June, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 64, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72.

A petition was received from Brother John Rain, member of Lodge No. 2, praying to be furnished a list of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, their times and places of meeting, and praying for permission to publish a Masonic calendar half-yearly. Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from Brother Robert Pickering, Secretary of Athol Lodge, No. 7, Lucia, Jamaica, was read. It communicated that Moses Levy, a Jew, near six feet, well proportioned, and a good-looking man; Arthur Potts, a squat well-proportioned man, by trade a saddler, about five feet eight inches high; and Alexander McCallum, an officer in the excise office there, a thin man and much pox-pitted in the face, about five feet seven or eight inches high, should be guarded against in case of their making their appearance

amongst us, they being impostors. Brother Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the different Lodges.

The committee appointed on the 15th instant, on the memorial of sundry members of Lodge No. 59, made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"Whereupon your committee report that they have heard the parties, and submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the following statement of facts.

"That Lodge No. 59 met the 9th instant for the purpose of electing their officers, etc.; that the Lodge being opened in due form, several members were nominated candidates for the place of Master; that the candidates were required by their Master, Brother Ward, to withdraw, who himself being a candidate withdrew also; that thereupon Brother Jackson took the chair and the Lodge was closed by mistake, instead of being called off from labor to refreshment; that the Lodge then went into a choice of officers; that on its being suggested to the Master *pro tem.* that the election was irregular he caused the candidates again to withdraw; that the Lodge was then opened in due form; that the Master *pro tem.* then called the Lodge off from labor to refreshment; that in this stage of the business the parties disagree in their statements, the Master *pro tem.* declaring that he informed the Lodge after they had prepared their ballots that they should then proceed to the business of the election; that he accordingly retained the chair, and the election of Master, Wardens, etc., was duly had; which statement of the Master *pro tem.*, aforesaid, is corroborated by the allegations of several others. The complainants, on the other hand, declare that the Lodge being called off to refreshment, as aforesaid, the election was held in that state of the Lodge; that it is agreed that the installation of the officers so elected was had in an Entered Apprentice Lodge, which ceremony was performed by Brother McElwee, former Master, by direction of the said Master *pro tem.;* that Brother Hennessy was excluded from a vote at said election, being considered by the Lodge as withdrawn therefrom. On consideration whereof your committee offer the following resolutions, viz.:

"1st. *Resolved,* That although there appear to have been some mistakes—perhaps irregularities—in the conducting of said election,

yet, on a view of all the circumstances, it is more eligible to confirm than annul the said election.

"2d. *Resolved*, That said installation was wholly irregular and is to be considered null and void.

"3d. *Resolved*, That the question whether Brother Hennessy be or be not a member of Lodge No. 59, ought to come before the Grand Lodge by his appeal from the decision of said Lodge, stating the circumstances.

(Signed) "J. VAN CLEVE,
P. PHILIPS,
G. HAMILTON,
THOMAS TOWN.

"June 23d, 1801."

On motion, the first of the said resolutions proposed by the committee was adopted. On motion, the second of the said resolutions proposed by the committee was adopted. On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 59 be directed to install their officers elect before 10 o'clock to-morrow evening. On motion, the third of the said resolutions as offered by the committee was adopted.

Grand General Communication.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 24th June, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 19, 21, 31, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 75.

An amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 73 was received and read, whereby it appears that said Lodge has resolved for the future to hold their elections for officers annually, and that at the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day in every year.

A notification from Lodge No. 81 of their removal from the place of their late meetings, at the Widow Lesher's, to Brother Anthony Hargesheimer's, at the sign of the King of Prussia, was received and read.

The committee appointed on the 1st instant to make the necessary inquiries concerning a suitable place for the meetings of this Grand

Lodge made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The committee appointed to make the necessary inquiry concerning a suitable place for the meeting of the Grand Lodge,

"*REPORT*,

"That a new and unfinished tenement and lot of ground in Arch Street, near to the southwest corner of Ninth and Arch streets, is for sale, and in the opinion of your committee is suitable for the intended purpose. That the length of the lot north and south is about one hundred and fifty feet. That there is thereon erected a brick building twenty-five feet front and forty-four feet extending south, with some back buildings. That said house is three stories high,—inclosed,—with window frames, etc. That from a moderate computation the building alone has cost 3266 dollars, and that the lot is said to have cost £400, without any building, and that the said house and lot can be purchased for 3250 dollars. Whereupon your committee propose the following resolutions:

"1st. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to purchase said lot and building for the use aforesaid.

"2d. *Resolved*, That as said estate is to be purchased by the Grand Lodge, it be recommended to the several Lodges to lend to the Grand Lodge all such sums as they can spare, on interest.

"3d. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to make such purchase.

(Signed) "James Milnor,
John W. Van Cleve,
Thomas Town,
George A. Baker,
Gavin Hamilton,
Committee.

"Whereupon,

"On motion made and seconded,

"The first of the said resolutions proposed by the committee was unanimously adopted,

"On motion made and seconded,

"The second of the said resolutions proposed by the committee was unanimously adopted.

"On motion made and seconded,

"*Resolved unanimously*, That it is considered by the Grand Lodge, that the estate so to be purchased be subject to a lien in favor of those individual Lodges that may make loans to the Grand Lodge for purchasing the same.

"On motion made and seconded,

"The third of the said resolutions proposed by the committee was unanimously adopted.

"On motion made and seconded,

"Brothers James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Gavin Hamilton, Thomas Town, and George A. Baker were appointed a committee to make the said purchase.

"On motion made and seconded,

"*Resolved unanimously*, That the deed of conveyance for the said estate be made to Brothers Jonathan Bayard Smith, R. W. Grand Master; Israel Israel, Deputy Grand Master; James Milnor, Senior Grand Warden; John W. Van Cleve, Junior Grand Warden; George A. Baker, Grand Secretary; and Gavin Hamilton, Grand Treasurer, as joint tenants in fee simple, and that they execute a declaration of trust to the Grand Lodge.

"On motion made and seconded,

"*Ordered*, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished to each Lodge, and that the Lodges be requested to take the same under their immediate consideration."

Grand Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 27th July, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother GAVIN HAMILTON (formerly R. W. D. G. M.), R. W. Grand Master *pro tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 45, 51, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71.

The R. W. Grand Master not being present, the Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that as the purchase of the house and lot on Arch Street appeared to be objected to by some Brethren on

account of its distance, the R. W. Grand Master had directed the Grand Lodge to be convened for the purpose of affording them an opportunity of taking into consideration the relinquishing the said intended purchase on Arch Street, and to purchase a lot in a more central situation and erect a building thereon, and informed of a lot on Watkins Alley* which is deemed an eligible situation, and is for sale.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the committee appointed to make the said purchase be authorized to make inquiry concerning other places that may be for sale and likely to suit the purposes of this Grand Lodge, and to report their proceedings.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th September, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72.

The petition of divers Brethren was read praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, to be called Columbia Lodge, and that Brother Thomas Hennessy might be named Master, Brother William McCullagh Senior Warden, and Brother John Avabrio Junior Warden of the same, which being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, *Ordered*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 91.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st September, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 76, 77.

The petition of Lodge No. 19 was read. It stated their very embarrassed situation, and requested that if the Grand Lodge should think it would be establishing a bad precedent for other Lodges to

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* A small alley which ran east from Nos. 83 and 85 North Third Street, between Arch and Race Streets.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

exonerate Lodge No. 19 from their debt, the Grand Lodge will accept of their warrant, as it was evident that under their present circumstances they should never be able to promote the welfare of the Craft or be deemed respectable as Masons.

A petition signed by Brother John Poor and others, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at New Hope, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was read and ordered to lie over for consideration.

On motion made and seconded, the committee appointed on St. John's Day to make a purchase of a messuage and lot of ground for this Grand Lodge were discharged.

On motion made and seconded, Brothers James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Thomas Town, Robert Pullen, and George A. Baker were appointed a committee to inquire what lots are for sale, what loans may be expected from the individual Lodges to assist the Grand Lodge in making a purchase, and what are the funds of the Grand Lodge, and to make report.

On Monday evening, 19th October, 5801, a number of Brethren met at the Grand Lodge Room, agreeably to adjournment, but there not being a sufficient number to proceed to business, Grand Lodge was not opened.

Grand Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 29th October, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91.

This Lodge being called for the purpose of taking into consideration the petition of Brother John Poor and others, read the 21st September last, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at New Hope, in Bucks County, so much of the minutes of the 21st ultimo as relates to the same was read. The said petition was thereupon read. A certificate from Lodge No. 57 in favor of Brother Robert T. Neely, Enos Scarborough, and John Beaumont, three of the said

petitioners, was presented and read, whereupon, *Resolved,* That the prayer of the said petitioners cannot be granted.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JAMES MILNOR, R. W. Grand Master, *pro tem.*

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 11, 14, 19, 41, 47, 50, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 81, 87, 91.

This being the evening appointed by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the election for officers, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election, when the following Brethren were duly elected officers for the ensuing year, commencing on St. John's Day next, viz.:

Brother	Jonathan Bayard Smith,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	James Milnor,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
"	John W. Van Cleve,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
"	Ebenezer Ferguson,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
"	George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	Gavin Hamilton,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

A letter from the R. W. Grand Master was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"December 7th, 1801.

"R. W. AND RESPECTED BRETHREN:

"Brother Duplessis, as Representative of several Lodges under this jurisdiction in the Island of St. Domingo, has submitted to me their request that I would create a superintending authority in that island over the Lodges now or hereafter to be established there. Notwithstanding, agreeably to ancient usage and all the works I have had an opportunity of consulting, I might have thought myself well warranted in proceeding, and the distance of these Lodges and the difficulty of regular intercommunication between them and the Grand Lodge evince to my mind the expediency of the measure. Yet I was not willing to act on this subject without first submitting it to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. If they shall judge it necessary

to take any order herein, or by their wisdom can suggest anything which may tend to the advantage of the Craft, or the honor or advantage of the Grand Lodge, I or my successor, should the Grand Lodge be pleased to make a change, will undoubtedly accord with their views. Brother Duplessis will submit the application referred to above to the Grand Lodge and give the necessary information. I barely mention that it appears that six Lodges are now regularly constituted on that island. Applications are made for two more, and I am well informed they are much pleased with the ancient mode of working, and as far as they can procure instruction wish to conform to it exactly, and that they profess an inviolable attachment to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. I have put into the hands of Brother Duplessis extracts from several books on this subject.

"With great respect and esteem,
"I am, R. W. and Br^{n}.,
"Your affectionate Br.,
(Signed) "J. B. SMITH."

Whereupon Brother Duplessis having read the application referred to in the said letter, also extracts from old constitution books concerning Provincial Grand Masters, and having presented two resolutions on the subject, on motion made and seconded the whole was committed to the R. W. Grand Officers and Brother Duplessis, whose proceedings shall also be the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and as such entered on the minutes.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday 21st December, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91.

The petition of divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Uniontown, in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to be called Union Lodge, and that Brother Absalom Stewart, Esq., might be named Master, Brother George Manypenny Senior Warden, and Brother Clinton Fox Junior Warden of the same,

which being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 92.

A resolution of Lodge No. 25 of the 24th October last, resolving that the warrant of said Lodge be given up, and that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, together with the lease of the Lodge Room, Jewels, and other furniture be transferred to the Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed on the By-Laws of Lodge No. 91 made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"We, the committee above mentioned, have examined the By-Laws of Lodge No. 91, and are of opinion that there is nothing unmasonic in them, except that said Lodge having two stated meetings in every month have provided by their said By-Laws to receive petitions from candidates at one stated meeting, and if approved to initiate them at the next stated meeting, being but two weeks after the application being received, which we conceive contrary to the Constitution, as by the Constitution, page 31, it is expressly provided as follows, 'nor shall any person be made or admitted a member of a Lodge without being proposed one month before.'

(Signed) "ANDREW NILSON,
CADW^R. GRIFFITH,
DANIEL McKARAHER.

"19th October, 1801."

Which report was approved of.

The committee appointed on the request for establishing a superintending authority over the Lodges in the Island of St. Domingo made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"TO THE R. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"The committee appointed to consider the letter from the R. W. Grand Master Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esquire, and the resolutions presented by Brother Peter Lebarbier Duplessis, concerning the appointment of a Provincial Grand Master for the Island of St.

Domingo, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject with due attention, and are of opinion that it is expedient that a Provincial Grand Master be appointed and deputed for the Island of St. Domingo as aforesaid, who shall be invested with the rank of a Deputy Grand Master in this Grand Lodge, and with the powers, privileges, and honors of a Grand Master in his said district; and shall do and perform therein under the authority of this Grand Lodge all such matters and things as appertain to the said office, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations. That your committee having searched the oldest records do find that the appointment of such an officer is a prerogative of the R. W. the Grand Master, and agreeably to their appointment have desired the R. W. Grand Master to appoint and depute as Provincial Grand Master for the Island of St. Domingo such Brother as he may think proper, with such instructions as his wisdom will suggest to him.

(Signed) "ISRAEL ISRAEL,
JAMES MILNOR,
JOHN W. VAN CLEVE,
P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS.

"PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19th, 5801."

Which report was approved.

Grand General Communication.

(St. John's the Evangelist Day having fallen on Sunday, the Grand Lodge met the day following, at 10 o'clock A.M.)

Monday, 28th December, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 67, 68, 71, 77, 87.

Resolved, That no visitor be admitted into this Grand Lodge who cannot be vouched for by a member of the Grand Lodge as having sat with him in a Lodge.

So much of the Minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, and

thereupon the Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices, to wit:

Brother Jonathan B. Smith, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" John W. Van Cleve, Esq.,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq.,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Gavin Hamilton,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

And proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form and usage.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Brother Cadwallader Griffith,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" George Morton,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Brother Dr. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplain.
Brother John Smith,	Grand Stewards.
" Robert Pullen,	
" Major Andrew Nilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" General Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Town,	Room Committee.
" Robert Jackson,	
" William Nelson,	

The following Brethren were appointed Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary, to wit:

Brother John W. Van Cleve, Esq.,	For the Northern Liberties.
" Israel Israel, Esq.,	For the city.
" Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq.,	For Southwark.

Resolved, That the names of the Grand Officers shall not be published in the newspapers.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, December 31st, A. L. 5801.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72.

A petition from a number of Brethren was read, praying that a warrant may be granted for holding a Lodge at New Hope, Bucks

County, and that Brother John Poor may be named Master, Brother Cornelius Coolbaugh Senior Warden, and Brother Robert Neeley Junior Warden of the same.

Ordered that the said petition lie on the table, and that the petitioners have leave to correct the same in points of form.

The resolution of Lodge No. 25, respecting the surrendering of their warrant, and so forth, read the 21st instant, was again read, and thereupon resolved that said Lodge have permission to surrender their warrant, and that Brother Grand Treasurer receive the jewels, furniture, funds, and other property and effects.

An account was presented by Lodge No. 3 against this Grand Lodge for four years' use of property of Lodge No. 3, occupied by the Grand Lodge and other Lodges, up to June last, amounting to $96. The same was referred to Brothers Duplessis, Lewis, and Morton, to examine and report thereon.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st March, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 80, 91.

The petition of divers Brethren was read praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at New Orleans, and that Brother Nicholas de Finiels might be named Master, Brother Pierre Dulcide Parran Senior Warden, and Brother Jacques Carrick Junior Warden of the same, and that it may be called the French Lodge La Charite, which being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 93.

The warrant of Lodge No. 90, lately held at New Orleans, was surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the committee on the purchasing of a building pursue the object of their appointment, and that if it shall appear necessary they secure a temporary place for the immediate meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers Milnor, Hamilton, and Baker were appointed a committee to let the lot of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d May, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 56, 59, 65, 67, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87, 88, 91.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master stated that on account of the extreme anxiety of some Brethren about a place for the meetings of the Grand Lodge, this meeting was called for the purpose of taking that business into consideration. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Lodge that the committee respecting the purchasing a building, etc., had not come to any conclusion, and were not therefore ready to report. Said committee were thereupon discharged.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge, consisting of one member of each Lodge meeting in this city, which committee so appointed shall have full power to call on every Lodge for their subscription, and to have full power to devise and carry into effect the means of erecting a permanent place of meeting.

Resolved, That the said committee be appointed by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the following Brethren compose said committee, viz.: No. 2, Robert Pullen; No. 3, Israel Israel; No. 9, Joseph Campbell; No. 19, Ebenezer Ferguson; No. 51, Robert Lewis; No. 52, George Morton; No. 59, Robert Jackson; No. 67, Henry Voight; No. 71, William Nelson; No. 72, Joseph Blaine; No. 73, James Gardette; No. 91, Thomas Hennessy.

Resolved, That Brother James Milnor (the R. W. Deputy Grand Master) be added to said committee.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the use of the foregoing resolution by the Grand Lodge, subject to a draft on the Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Master and at least two-thirds of the Grand Committee lately appointed.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th June, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 91.

A copy of the proceedings of the Lodge held at New Hope, Bucks County, under dispensation, was received, together with a copy of their By-Laws.

The committee appointed on the 21st of December last to make inquiry respecting the charges made by Brother F. J. Haller against Lodge No. 56, made their report, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"We, the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, December 21st, 5801, for the purpose of investigating the foregoing charges, respectfully beg leave to report:

"That on a full examination of the same we are clearly of opinion that all the charges therein contained are fully substantiated, except charge No. 4, which they conceive not to be under their jurisdiction, but do recommend the consideration of the same to the G. R. A. Chapter.

(Signed) "JOSEPH CLOUD,
THOMAS HENNESSY,
JOHN ABLE,
ROBERT ALLEN."

Which report was accepted.

Ordered, That the warrant of said Lodge No. 56 be vacated, and that the same be surrendered to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Committee of Purchase and Building write to Brother John McElwee, formerly Grand Treasurer (who is now at Baltimore), informing him that a purchase has been made of a building for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge, and requesting him to pay his debt to the Grand Lodge, and that in case of his failing to discharge the same the said committee have authority to inform him that unless he discharge the said debt the Grand Lodge will communicate his conduct to the different Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the said debt owing from Brother McElwee shall,

when received, be at the disposal of the Committee of Purchase and Building for the purpose of completing the building purchased.

The minutes of the Committee of Purchase and Building of their different meetings had from the commencement up to the 5th inst., were read and approved of.

It appeared by said minutes that said committee had purchased from William Hunter a certain three-story brick messuage and lot of ground situate on the south side of Filbert Street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, in the city of Philadelphia, for the price of three thousand dollars.*

Resolved, That the trustees who hold the building and lot in Fil-

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* The deed of conveyance for said property is dated the 29th May, 1802. It is from William Hunter, of Philadelphia, Arch Master, and Martha, his wife, to Jonathan Bayard Smith, the present Grand Master, James Milnor, the present Deputy Grand Master, John W. Van Cleve, the present Senior Grand Warden, Ebenezer Ferguson, the present Junior Grand Warden, Gavin Hamilton, the present Grand Treasurer, and George Adam Baker, the present Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, as joint tenants in fee. The property is thus described, viz.:

All that certain three-story brick messuage and lot or piece of ground thereunto belonging, situate, lying, and being on the south side of Filbert Street, between Eighth and Ninth streets from the river Delaware, in the said city of Philadelphia; beginning at the northwest corner of a lot formerly of James Byrnes, now of the heirs of Townsend Speakman; thence along the southern line of Filbert Street westward thirty-six feet and three inches to the middle of a certain nine-feet wide alley, leading to a thirty-feet square open court or square lying between the said premises and High Street; thence along the middle of the said alley southward seventy-five feet; thence returning around the easternmost half of the said alley and by other ground, now or late of the said William Hunter, thirty-six feet and three inches to the line of the said lot of ground now of the heirs of Townsend Speakman, and thence by the same northward seventy-five feet to the place of beginning; together with the privilege of the said open court or square and of the said nine-feet wide alley, respectively, and is granted upon the following trust, viz.: Upon this special trust and confidence, and to the sole intent and purpose that they, the said Jonathan Bayard Smith, James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Ebenezer Ferguson, Gavin Hamilton, and George Adam Baker, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of the survivor, stand seized of the same to and for the use of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, and that they, the said Jonathan Bayard Smith, James Milnor, John W. Van Cleve, Ebenezer Ferguson, Gavin Hamilton, and George Adam Baker, and the survivors and survivor of them, and the heirs of the survivor by deed or deeds grant and convey the same in fee simple or otherwise, in such manner as they the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging shall or may order, appoint, direct, and to and for no other use, intent, and purpose whatsoever. And said deed is recorded in the office for Recording of Deeds, etc., for the city and county of Philadelphia, in Deed Book E F, No. 8, page 365, etc.

bert Street, purchased for this Grand Lodge, be authorized to execute mortgages, or such other legal instruments of writing in the nature of mortgages, as shall be devised by the Committee of Purchase and Building, unto such of the Lodges as have already or shall hereafter make loans to the Grand Lodge on account of the purchase and completion of said building.

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Thursday, 24th June, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 87.

The report of Brother Charles Wheeler (indorsed on dispensation) of his having duly constituted Lodge No. 92, on the 24th day of March last, was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

The petition of divers Brethren of the Lodge lately held under dispensation at New Hope, Coryell's Ferry, Bucks County, was read. It prayed the Grand Lodge to grant them a warrant for holding a Lodge at said place, to be called Orange Lodge, and that Brother Cornelius Coolbaugh may be named Master, Brother Robert T. Neely Senior Warden, and Brother John Lambert, Jr., Junior Warden of the same, which petition being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, ordered, unanimously, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 94.

Brother Israel Israel informed the Lodge that he had in his possession two large china bowls, the property of this Grand Lodge; also sundry jewels, aprons, etc., which he had found in the hands of Brother McElwee, former Grand Treasurer, and desired to be informed to whom he should deliver them.

Ordered, That Brother Israel deliver the same to the Grand Treasurer for the use of the Grand Lodge.

By reason of the yellow fever raging in Philadelphia, the Grand Lodge did not meet to hold their Quarterly Communication on the first Monday in September, 5802.

Extra Grand Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th November, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 87, 91.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that they had been convened in consequence of a request made of him by the Building Committee, for the purpose of receiving the report of the said committee respecting the building.

This meeting of the Grand Lodge being for a special purpose,

Resolved, That no visitor be admitted this evening.

Brother Milnor, chairman of the Building Committee, reported the state of the building on Filbert Street, by which it appeared that the Grand Lodge room in the said building is nearly finished, but that the other parts of the building are not in so forward a state. Brother Milnor presented statements of moneys received and paid by the committee, and of the debts now owing by them, as also estimates of the probable cost of the work remaining to be done, from all which it appeared that the whole of the moneys received by the said committee, being the grant made by this Grand Lodge, the loans obtained from Subordinate Lodges, and donations received from individual Brethren, amounted to $5215; that the moneys paid by the said committee for the purchase and building amount to $5214.63; that there now rests in the hands of the treasurer of the said committee the balance of 37 cents; and that a sum of about $3000 will be required to discharge the debts now owing by the committee and completely finish the building.

Resolved, That the sum of $100, presented by Lodge No. 77, on St. John's Day, June, 5802, to be applied towards the purchasing or building a place suitable for the meetings of the Grand Lodge, now resting in the hands of the R. W. Grand Master, with the interest accrued thereon, and the sum of $300 of moneys in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, be appropriated to the use of the Building Committee, and be by them applied to the discharge of debts and completing the said building.

Resolved, Brothers Gavin Hamilton, Cadwallader Griffith, John P. Hood, George A. Baker, Ezekiel Howell, and John Smith be a committee to procure subscriptions in aid of the building on Filbert

Street, and that they pay over the moneys as by them received into the hands of the Building Committee.

Resolved, That the building on Filbert Street, purchased and prepared for the use of this Grand Lodge, be called and known by the name of "The Pennsylvania Freemason Hall."

Also, *Resolved,* That the Building Committee have an inscription engraved on copper or other lasting substance commemorative of the time when the building of the hall was commenced or undertaken, to be put up in the inside of the hall.

Resolved, That the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at their hall.

Resolved, That there be a procession held on St. John's Day next, on the occasion of dedicating the hall, and that Brothers Israel Israel, Cadwallader Griffith, John Smith, Peter Lebarbier Duplessis, and Robert Pullen be a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Resolved, That if any brother shall be intoxicated or behave irregularly during the procession, or during the course of the day, he shall be reported to the Grand Lodge by the Committee of Arrangements.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th December, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 87, 91.

Brother Duplessis communicated that he had received information that a warrant for holding a Lodge in St. Domingo had been granted by the Provincial Grand Lodge lately established by this Grand Lodge in that island.

Ordered, that the said Lodge be numbered 95.

A petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the village of Newark, New Castle County, in the State of Delaware, to be called "The Delaware Hiram Lodge," and that Brothers George Read might be named Master,

John McBeth Senior Warden, and Samuel Metear Junior Warden of the same, which petition being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion ordered, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 96.

Grand Officers were then elected, as follows:

Brother	Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
"	Dr. John Armantiere Monges,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
"	Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq.,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert C. Latimer,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
"	George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	Gavin Hamilton,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

It being declared in the 25th section of the regulations of the Grand Lodge "that there shall be no processions but with consent of two-thirds of the members present at the Communication next preceding the feast of St. John when the same is to take place," which having been considered,

Resolved, unanimously, That the resolution of the 15th November last, respecting the holding a procession on St. John's Day next and the appointment of a committee of arrangements for that purpose be confirmed.

Resolved, unanimously, That the resolution of the 15th November, charging the Committee of Arrangements to report Brethren who should behave irregular to the Grand Lodge, be annulled.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brother *William Francis for his kind attention to the welfare of our institution, by granting leave to this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges to meet in his room at a time when they were all destitute of a place of meeting.

Resolved, unanimously, That Brother Grand Secretary present to Brother Francis a copy of the above resolution.

[* William Francis resided at No. 90 N. Eighth Street, near Race.—LIBRARY COMMITTEE.]

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 13th December, A. L. 5802.

Present: Brother JONATHAN B. SMITH, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87.

The expulsion of A. O. for the term of seventy-seven years, from the 2d July last, on account of misconduct, from Lodge No. 9, was communicated by said Lodge.

A statement was received from Lodge No. 12 informing of the expulsion of their Master elect in the following words: Soon after his election a complaint was lodged against him for a breach of one of the essential obligations of a Master Mason, which charge was proved to the satisfaction of the Lodge. It was, however, determined in a Master's Lodge that they had not the authority to expel him, inasmuch as he was *ex officio* a member of the Grand Lodge; they, however, resolved to suspend him, and in Past Master's Lodge called for that special purpose he was deemed unworthy of receiving any of the rights, benefits, or privileges of Masonry, and was expelled accordingly.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary write to Lodge No. 12, informing them that the said Master elect was only a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of the office he filled as Master of a Lodge, and that as soon as he ceased to be such officer, from any circumstance whatever, his connection with the Grand Lodge ceased, and that Lodge No. 12 had full jurisdiction over him, and that the Grand Lodge are pleased with the attention that in this instance Lodge No. 12 has paid to their supposed duties to the Grand Lodge.

[The following charges, *verbatim et literatim*, were received, being an appeal from the action of Lodge No. 46, at Ephrata, Lancaster County:]

Charge the 1st. I think them incapable of holding a Lodge as *the doe* not keep *Regelar minnets* of *there* Proceeding

2nly. That the By-Laws *has* not been read or signed by the members, nor even agreed to by the *Bodey* during my stay with them.

3rdly. That the *presant* members which only *consistes* of 5 or 6 holds all the *propertia* of s^d^ Lodge and notwithstanding has petitioned the G. L. for a forgiveness of *there* dues. Which *propertia* was *purtichased* by the members while at Churchtown and since the

Remouvell has not attended the Lodge since nor do *the* mean to attend

4thly. I finding *there* conduct as *Maisons* in my *Opponion* was *un missonck* and by no means *comming* up to the Rules of *masonery* I thought proper to *applie* for a *certificcate* and to *withdrew* from them when I *appliade* the master told *mee* I should have *now* certificate nor be a member nor a visitor notwithstanding I shewed him the certificate I had from No. 11 at London Grove, nor would not give one though willing to pay my *thues* at *aney* time and offered so to *doe*

It is altogether for the Sake and Love I have for *masonery* that causes *mee* to *brig* this *forroward* and through no spite to any *invedvel* of the Body

As witness my hand,

(Signed) WM. HOSKINS.

To the R. W. G. L.

Which said petition and charges were referred to the present Masters of Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 51, and 52.

The Committee on Correspondence made report on the various communications which had been referred to them, in which they say that the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire agree with this Grand Lodge in the opinion that the establishment of a Superintending Grand Lodge for all North America would not be expedient or wise.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland resolved that a person rejected in a Lodge shall not be accepted or initiated in any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge to which he first applied.

Also, forbidding any Lodge initiating any person or persons who shall apply for that purpose when there is a Lodge of Masons held nearer to his or their residence than the one to which he or they apply, without the consent of that Lodge, except seamen.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia resolves that no Master of a Lodge nor regular Past Master, without his own consent previously obtained, can be called to account or tried for misconduct before any other tribunal than the Grand Lodge or a committee appointed by them or by the Grand Master.

In the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire the Grand Master nomi-

nates his successor, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. If such nomination is not approved of a ballot takes place.

The Grand Master also appoints his Deputy.

In the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at the Grand Communication, December 3d, 1800, Brother Elliss, who held three proxies, claimed a vote for each Lodge on all elections, whereupon it was resolved that Brother Elliss could vote in one capacity only, to which Brother Elliss entered his protest.

December 14th, 1800. *Whereas* it was decided on the 3d instant that a Brother had no right to give more than one vote, even though he might be a representative from two or more Lodges; and *whereas* many of the members who voted on that occasion have, on more mature consideration, changed their mind, therefore,

Resolved, That the said resolution be rescinded and made null.

The Grand Lodge of England announces the increasing prosperity of the Craft, which has recently been made the object of the protection of the Legislature.

The Master of every Lodge is to make a return *on oath* of all and every member of his Lodge, to be registered with the Clerk of the Peace on or before the 25th day of March in every year, the return to contain the name, profession, and place of residence of every member, agreeably to a late act of Parliament. A circular letter recommends the Lodges to be early in registering their newly made Brethren, to be punctual in contributing to the fund of charity, and above all to be studious to preserve temperance, and strictly to abide by the sacred principles of Masonry.

The communication from the Lodge of St. John of Scotland, the Scotch Mother Lodge of Marseille, in France, is a circular addressed by them to other Lodges, informing them of the resuming of their works and expressing a wish to correspond with them in order to draw closer the sweet ties that unite them and to increase the acts of humanity and beneficence which are the true characteristics of our ancient and sublime institution.

The circular is accompanied with two lists of the officers and members of the said Lodge, being above two hundred and fifty.

The following resolution was offered by Brother Lewis, and seconded:

"In consequence of Brother William Francis's fraternal affection

to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, in providing them a Temple to work in during the building of their permanent hall,

"*Resolved,* That the R. W. Grand Master be requested to cause Brother Francis to be passed to the chair, and that a suitable jewel and apron be presented to him, in addition to the vote of thanks already presented to him."

The consideration of which motion was postponed.

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Monday, 27th December, A. L. 5802.

Agreeably to the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the 6th December, 5802, respecting the dedication of the Hall, and to the arrangement made by the committee appointed for that purpose, the Brethren assembled at the Church of the Universalists, in Lombard Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, the 27th December, 5802, being St. John the Evangelist's Day, and proceeded from thence at half-past 11 o'clock, in the following order, to wit:

1. Two Tylers, with drawn swords.
2. Music.
3. Two Brethren, with wands.
4. Master Masons, two and two.
5. A Tyler, with drawn sword.
6. Two Brethren, with wands.
7. Secretaries and Treasurers, two and two.
8. Two Brethren, with wands.
9. Past Masters, two and two.
10. Two Brethren, with wands.
11. Wardens of Lodges, two and two.
12. Two Brethren, with wands.
13. Masters of Lodges, two and two.
14. Grand Tyler, with drawn sword.
15. Four Past Masters, carrying the Lodge, covered with white satin.

16. Two Past Masters, carrying silver pitchers, containing wine and oil.
17. Past Masters, carrying a silver pitcher, containing corn.
18. Members of the Hall Committee, two and two, with white wands.
19. Architect, carrying square, level, and plumb rule, with the Book of Architecture.
20. The first Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
21. Past Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn sword.
22. Past Master, carrying the Bible, square, and compass, on a crimson velvet cushion, supported by two Past Masters.
23. Grand Chaplain.
24. Grand Secretary, with the bag.
25. Grand Treasurer, with the staff.
26. The second Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
27. Past Junior Grand Wardens.
28. Past Senior Grand Wardens.
29. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
30. Past Grand Masters.
31. The third Light, carried by the Master of a Lodge.
32. Junior Grand Warden, having the Junior Grand Warden elect at his left hand.
33. Senior Grand Warden, having the Senior Grand Warden elect at his left hand.
34. Past Master, carrying the Book of Constitutions.
35. Grand Sword Bearer, carrying the sword of state.
36. Deputy Grand Master, having the Deputy Grand Master elect at his left hand.
37. Grand Master, supported by the Grand Master elect at his left hand and Brother John Beatty, Esq., R. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, at his right hand.
38. Grand Deacons, with wands.
39. Grand Pursuivant, with drawn sword.

When the procession reached the building the Brethren halted, opened their ranks, and the R. W. Grand Master, attended by the R. W. Brother Beatty, Grand Master of New Jersey, and followed by the Grand Officers and a very considerable number of Brethren, were received in the outer apartment under a display of music. On

the Grand Master reaching Solomon's Chair the present Grand Officers took their seats, and the elect and Past Grand Officers, the reverend Brethren, members of the Hall Committee and other Brethren repaired to the seats prepared for them. The Grand Master being proclaimed, the music performed a grand piece till all the Brethren were seated. The Lodge was then placed in the centre of the hall, and the three Lights with the three silver pitchers containing corn, wine, and oil, were placed thereon. The Bible, square, compasses, and book of constitutions, on a crimson velvet cushion, being placed on the pedestal, an anthem was sung. The Grand Master then ordered the Lodge to be Tyled. The following Lodges were represented, viz.:

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, and 91, being twenty-four Lodges.

The Lodge was then uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in ample form, when the Grand Master having mentioned to the Brethren that he was informed that the venerable and Reverend Brother William Smith, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand Secretary, had composed a prayer appropriate to the day, the said Brother Smith, with the concurrence of the Reverend Brother John Andrews, D.D., Grand Chaplain, delivered the prayer, to the general satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary intimated the Architect's desire to return the implements intrusted to his care, whereupon Brother Jackson, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master, who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the hall, and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the implements, which was complied with, and they were laid on the Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Society to have the hall dedicated to Masonry, on which the Grand Master commanded his officers to assist in that pleasing ceremony, the music meanwhile playing. The Grand Officers then walked round the Lodge three different times, stopping each time for the ceremony of dedication. At the end of the first procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, strewing corn over the Lodge, declared in solemn form the hall dedicated to MASONRY, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the grand honors were given. At the end of the second procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, pouring wine over the Lodge, declared in

solemn form the hall dedicated to VIRTUE and SCIENCE, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the grand honors were given as before. At the end of the third procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, pouring oil on the Lodge, in solemn form declared the hall dedicated to UNIVERSAL CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary, the grand honors were given as before. A grand anthem, adapted to the occasion, set to music by Brother Reinagle, was sung by Brothers Reinagle, Fox, Warren, and Robins.

The Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair, under the acclamations of the Brethren, and the music performing "When earth's foundation first was laid," etc.

The Grand Master was then pleased to deliver an affectionate address, which was received by the Brethren with the most lively tokens of gratitude and acknowledgment, and their approbation was testified in the usual form.

The ceremony of dedication being completed, so much of the Minutes of the 6th instant as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read, whereupon the Grand Master ordered Brother Peter Lebarbier Duplessis, Past Grand Secretary, a very ancient and expert Mason, to proceed to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, and accordingly the R. W. Brother Israel Israel, Esq , was installed Grand Master, invested, proclaimed, and saluted, according to ancient form; the R. W. Brother John Armentiere Monges, M.D., Deputy Grand Master; the R. W. Brother Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq., Senior Grand Warden; the R. W. Brother George Adam Baker, Esq., Grand Secretary. The Junior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer elect not attending, their installation was postponed to the next Communication.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the R. W. Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., late Grand Master, for his affectionate, instructing, and brotherly address, and that it is their desire he would be pleased to deliver a copy of the same to be entered on the Minutes for the instruction of the Brethren.

His Worship was pleased to promise the requested copy.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Venerable and Reverend Brother William Smith, D.D., for his

appropriate prayer, and that he be desired to deliver a copy of the same, to be entered on the Minutes.

With which request he promised to comply.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Reverend Brethren of the clergy who have assisted in the duties of the day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brothers Reinagle, Wood, Fox, and Robins, who assisted so essentially in the service of the day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the members of the Hall Committee for their great assiduity and zeal in the business committed to their care.

A letter was received from Brother Robert C. Latimer, Junior Grand Warden elect, informing that owing to unexpected circumstances, it will not be in his power to attend the duties of the office to which the Brethren had been pleased to elect him, and that he begs leave to decline accepting the said office.

On motion made and seconded, his resignation was accepted, and *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge shall be adjourned to Monday next, the 3d day of January, to proceed to the election of a Junior Grand Warden, etc.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, impressed with a grateful sense of the long, assiduous, and highly useful labors of their late R. W. Grand Master, Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., previous to and during his service in the high station which he has left,

Resolve, unanimously, That the most respectful thanks of the said Grand Lodge be presented to their said Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, for the eminent services he has rendered to the Craft generally, and more especially for the able, diligent, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair; and while they deplore the necessity of his now retiring from the official station amongst them which he has so honorably filled, they hope for a continuance of his brotherly love, aid, and information, and, finally, that he be requested to receive the best wishes of the Grand Lodge for a prolongation of his useful life, a commensurate enjoyment of his health, and his final happiness in the mansions of *everlasting rest.*

Resolved, unanimously, That as a further testimony of the affection, regard, and veneration of this Grand Lodge for our said Brother

Jonathan Bayard Smith, Esq., he be presented with a Past Grand Master's Jewel, of gold.

Resolved, unanimously, That the R. W. Brother James Milnor, Esq., late Deputy Grand Master, the W. Brother Joseph Clay, Esq., Master of Lodge No. 3, and the R. W. Brother George A. Baker, Grand Secrerary, be a committee to wait on the R. W. Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, and present him with a copy of the above resolutions, and that they be further authorized to carry the same into effect.

Adjourned Grand General Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d January, A. L. 5803.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87, 91.

Agreeably to resolution of the 27th ultimo, the Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of a Junior Grand Warden, when Brother Robert Pullen was duly elected, and immediately installed by the R. W. Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:

Brother Daniel McKaraher,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Robert Lewis,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Brother Dr. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplains.
" " " William Rogers,	
Brother Andrew Nilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.
" Joseph Blain,	Hall Committee.
" John Uhle,	
" William Littlewood,	

Recommenders for Objects to the Dispensary:

Brother Medouch Wolbert, Esq.,	For the Northern Liberties.
" Israel Israel, Esq.,	For the city.
" Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq.,	For Southwark.
" Peter Lebarbier Duplessis,	Committee of Accounts.
" Joseph Clay,	
" Robert C. Latimer,	

Brother Alexander McAlister,	Grand Stewards.
" Ezekiel Howell,	
" Cadwallader Griffith,	Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder,	Grand Tyler.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee, in conjunction with the Building Committee, prepare regulations respecting the government of Tylers and care of the hall, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at the next meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the members of the Congregation of the Universalist Church for the use of their church, granted to this Grand Lodge on St. John's Day.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to Brother Doctor John Beatty, R. W. Grand Master of New Jersey, for his polite conduct in visiting us on St. John's Day and assisting in the ceremony of dedicating the hall.

The resolution offered the 13th ultimo respecting Brother William Francis being passed to the Chair, and a Past Master's Jewel and Apron being presented to him, was taken into consideration and adopted, and Brothers Ferguson, Pullen, and Griffith were appointed a committee to carry so much of the said resolution as respects the Jewel and Apron into effect.

Resolved, That the names of the Grand Officers be published in the newspapers.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th March, A. L. 5803.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87, 91.

The minutes of the Committee of Charity were read and approved.

Two letters from the W. M. of Lodge No. 21, one dated 29th of December, and the other 15th January last, complaining of the deranged state in which he had found the minutes, accounts, and treasury of the Lodge, and that great exertions are making to retain the character of the Lodge and make remittances to the Grand Lodge. They were accompanied with divers papers, viz.:

Election returns.

"Copy of members of the Lodge since St. John's Day last."

"Copy of summons issued by the Committee of the Lodge to their delinquent members."

"Resolution of that Lodge respecting the remitting of $100 to this Grand Lodge."

"Petition from the Lodge, praying, in consideration of their deranged situation and of the great exertions made by them to collect $100, now transmitted to the Grand Treasurer, to discharge the account of said Lodge to this time, solemnly promising the greatest accuracy and punctuality in the future on the part of the said Lodge, which petition was referred to Brothers Pullen, Hennessy, and Lewis to examine and report thereon."

"Commission under the hand of the W. M. and the seal of the Lodge, dated 3d ultimo, appointing Brother Vincent Du Comb proxy of the said Lodge. Brother Du Comb not being a member of the Grand Lodge, a debate ensued on the propriety of his being appointed proxy. After some time spent in debate, the further consideration of the subject was postponed."

"Oration delivered by Brother Puglia on St. John's Day last."

The Committee, appointed on the 1st of March, 1802, on the communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The committee to whom was referred the communication from the R. W. the Grand Lodges of North and South Carolina, beg leave to report, that they find that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has acceded to the proposition of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina for holding a convention for the purpose of organizing a superintending Grand Lodge of the Union, in the city of Washington.

"Your committee find that this Grand Lodge, by their resolution of June 7th, 1790, considering the proposal made then by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia to establish such superintending Grand Lodge, resolved, unanimously, that the constituting of a Federal or Supreme Grand Lodge, to have jurisdiction over the respective Grand and other Lodges throughout the Continent, as proposed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia, is inexpedient and appears im-

practicable, and that a committee was then appointed, consisting of Brothers Joseph Few, Peter Lebarbier Duplessis, and John McCree, to write a letter to the several Grand Lodges in the United States, inclosing a copy of the said resolve, and assigning the reason upon which it is founded; that a circular was written and forwarded by the said committee; that on the 27th of December, 1799, a communication was received from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina proposing again the establishment of a superintending Grand Lodge, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence, who on the 3d of March, 1800, reported that the same was inexpedient and impracticable, as was unanimously determined in the year 1790, which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge; that the said committee were directed to communicate the sense of this Grand Lodge by a circular to all the Grand Lodges of the United States; that such a circular was forwarded, inclosing the resolution of the Grand Lodge dated the 28th of March, 1800; that the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Georgia, Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Jersey have concurred in the opinion of this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee beg leave to propose the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do persist in their former resolution, that the establishment of a supreme superintending Grand Lodge in the United States is inexpedient and impracticable, but that a convention of deputies from the several Grand Lodges for the purpose of forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and permanent intercourse between the said Grand Lodges, and considering other interesting matters, would be considered to the advancement and respectability of the ancient Craft.

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that such a convention should take place as soon as possible in the city of Philadelphia, as the most convenient place for that purpose, and that this Grand Lodge will appoint deputies to such convention.

"*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions shall be forwarded with a circular to all the Grand Lodges within the United State, requesting the favor of an answer.

(Signed), WILLIAM BALL,
ISRAEL ISRAEL,
P. LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS,
JAMES MILNOR,
JAMES GARDETTE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 5803.

Which report and resolutions were adopted, and the Committee of Correspondence directed to write to the different Grand Lodges in the United States agreeably thereto.

The Building Committee made report, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"The committee appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge for the purpose of purchasing or erecting a suitable place for their meetings, and those of the Subordinate Lodges, in this city, respectfully report that after effecting the purchase of a building and lot of ground on Filbert Street above Eighth Street, of Mr. William Hunter, for the sum of $3000, as has heretofore been communicated, they proceeded with all the expedition that was practicable to fit the same up for Masonic purposes. That in the projection and conduct of this work the committee found themselves surrounded with innumerable difficulties arising from the novelty of the undertaking, the variety of opinions amongst the Brethren as to the most eligible mode of proceeding, and the anticipation of a probable failure of funds to complete the same on a scale sufficiently enlarged. They at length concluded to adopt that place which in their opinion was best calculated to unite convenience and accommodation with as great a portion of elegance as a proper regard for economy would admit, and to rely for support in the undertaking upon the zeal and liberality of the Craft. Measures were thereupon taken for commencing and pursuing the intended work, and for defraying the expenses thereof. The several Lodges in the city were waited upon, and solicited for loans and individual contributions. The success with which the applications of the committee were attended was such as to warrant and encourage a continuance of their intentions, and they have only to regret that with respect to private subscriptions there has not since been so universal a co-operation of the Brethren as they then imagined there was reason to expect. Although many have generously contributed in proportion to their ability, others have withheld their mite, while at the same time many worthy individuals have been prevented by circumstances not in their power to control from complying with what otherwise their well-known regard for the interest of the Craft would have induced. The Grand Lodge will learn from the books of the committee, which will be left before them with this report, the amount of the loans and private contributions. To the same documents the committee refer them for a knowledge of the different items of expendi-

ture to which the money raised has been applied, the amount in which they now stand indebted, and the sum that will be requisite for completely finishing the building. The committee trust that although the sum expended may appear large, the Grand Lodge will duly appreciate what has been obtained by them in lieu thereof, and that they will bear in mind that many improvements not originally contemplated, as well as the purshase of a considerable quantity of new furniture, contribute to swell the account. It now appears that, after applying the money appropriated to this object by the R. W. Grand Lodge, the loans of the different lodges, and individual subscriptions so far as they have been collected, the committee are left in debt $1500, which ought to be paid with the utmost possible dispatch. Thus circumstanced they cannot doubt but that the authors of their appointment (who have already in so flattering a manner signified their approbation of the proceedings of their committee) will feel an anxiety proportioned to the urgency of the occasion, and immediately adopt such measures as may be thought most advisable for paying off all arrearages and conducting the whole business to a speedy close. If it was considered disreputable to our ancient and respectable Order not to possess in such a city as this accommodations suited to their character, it will be little less disreputable to leave the work which has been thus far advanced in any respect unfinished, and above all to permit their enemies (if such exist) to advance a well-grounded assertion that they have been wanting either in honor or ability to discharge their just engagements. On the best consideration which the committee have been enabled to give the subject they are of opinion that it would be advisable to adopt the following measures, which they accordingly recommend to the attention of the Grand Lodge, observing at the same time that they are intended to aid and not to supersede anything that may yet be intended, either by Lodges or individual members, in the way of larger contributions.

"1. That the Grand Lodge recommend to all the Lodges meeting in their hall to appropriate and pay over to said committee not less than five, nor more than ten dollars out of each initiation fee. (This measure has already been adopted in several Lodges.)

"2. That the price of a warrant be raised to fifty dollars, and that twenty of the same be paid to this committee.

"3. That each Lodge meeting in the hall pay an annual rent of

forty dollars, which shall be applied to the payment of interest on the money loaned, and the surplus paid to this committee.

"4. That each Chapter and Encampment meeting in the hall pay an annual rent of twenty dollars, to be applied in like manner with the foregoing.

"5. That the price of certificates be raised from two dollars and twenty-seven cents to three dollars, and that the amount arising therefrom, except the fees of the Grand Secretary, be paid to the said committee.

"6. That the price of dispensations be raised from six to seven dollars, and that the amount arising therefrom, except the fees of the Grand Secretary, be paid to this committee.

"The committee beg leave to suggest that in extending their notice to the foregoing variety of means, they continue to keep in view, not only the payment of the existing debt, but the full completion of the building, and when it is considered how much credit the institution has derived from the progress already made, it is presumed there can be but one sentiment on the subject of persevering in our efforts to make it a finished work. It must also be observed that the proposed measures will be but of temporary continuance. Whenever the purpose for which they are entered into is obtained, they will cease; but in the opinion of the committee that purpose ought not to be considered as obtained until this valuable property is completely cleared of incumbrances by a full discharge of the debts arising from its improvements as well as the moneys that have been borrowed. In the above plan they persuade themselves their Brethren will perceive nothing that will be burdensome or unequal in its operation. And the committee in offering it for consideration, having no separate interest to advance, will cheerfully yield to the suggestions of others if their reflection on the subject should suggest a better mode than what is now proposed. The committee conclude with submitting the following additional proposition.

"1. That the room on the ground floor (of the hall) be appropriated for a school, and that the committee be authorized to let the same to some respectable teacher (who is a Mason) at a reasonable rent, the amount of which shall be paid by the education of such a number of children of poor Brethren as at the ordinary rates of tuition will be equal to the same, provided that should not a

sufficient number of scholars offer, the balance of the rent shall be paid in money.

"2. That such Lodges as are willing to accept of a certificate for the amount loaned by them instead of a mortgage, be furnished with the same under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

"Signed by order and in behalf of the committee.

(Signed) "JAMES MILNOR, Chairman.

"March 7th, 1803."

Which report was accepted.

On motion and seconded the first of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted.

The second of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted, with the amendments of raising the price of a warrant to sixty dollars instead of fifty, and that thirty of the same instead of twenty be paid to the Building Committee.

The third of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted, with the addition that the rent commence on St. John's Day last.

The fourth of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted, with the addition that the rent commence on St. John's Day last.

The fifth of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted.

The sixth of the said resolutions was again read and unanimously adopted.

The first additional proposition was again read and unanimously adopted.

The second additional proposition was again read and unanimously adopted.

The question was then taken on the whole of the said resolutions as amended, and they were unanimously approved of.

Ordered, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the different Lodges under our jurisdiction.

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay over to the Building Committee for their use all the moneys of this Grand Lodge in his hands except the sum of one hundred dollars.

Brothers Wilson, Duplessis, Griffith, Lewis, and Blair were appointed a committee to take into consideration if any and what

alterations, additions, and explanations are necessary to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, and to make report thereon.

Ordered, That the Building Committee be directed to have the hall insured against accidents by fire.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, A. L. 5803.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 57, 59, 65, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91.

The Grand Secretary being absent, and the minute-book not having been brought up, according to his direction, the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication could not be read.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of England, expressive of the increasing prosperity of Ancient Masonry in England, cautioning the Brethren against all innovations, etc., and informing the Masonic world that the Ancient Grand Lodge of England, without one shilling of debt, has a clear ascertained income of more than £500 a year, principally from the British Funds. That this revenue is not wasted in ostentation, but is devoted religiously to the purposes of Masonic benevolence; it is distributed monthly by a committee of Masters of Lodges indiscriminately chosen to examine the claims of Brethren and to relieve their wants, with the liberal spirit which our principles inculcate, etc.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of Ireland containing a list of their Grand Officers for the present year. It appears from said communication that they have instituted two Masonic orphan schools.

A communication was presented by the R. W. Grand Master, which was addressed to him by Brother John Mitchell, K.; H.; P.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third and Grand Commander in the United States of America.

It was committed to Brothers Town, Latimer, and Pullen to report.

On motion and seconded, that Brother Grand Treasurer be

directed to procure a book for the purpose of entering everything that shall relate to the receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge.

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Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Friday, 24th June, A. L. 5803.

Present: Brother Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87.

A communication was read from Lodge 77, at Port De Espagne, at Trinidad, 1st of Sixth month, in the year of True Light 5802, inclosing $200, which was by order of the Grand Lodge handed to the Building Committee.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

Philadelphia, Monday, 5th September, A. L. 5803.

Present: Brother Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 21, 25, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 87, 91, 94.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, of 2d of March last, was read, and was accompanied by a letter, in the words following:

"R. W. Sir and Brothers:

"Beware of certificates with the following words engraved under an arch at the top, viz.:

"'Lodge No. 57, Royal Naval Lodge of Independence, Wapping, of the Most Ancient and Most Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England (according to the old Constitution).'

"We have no such Lodge, nor ever had any such, under our Constitution.

"The above certificates are in other respects an imitation and piracy, taken from our Lodge certificates, engraved with emblems of

Masonry, the armorial bearings of our R. W. Grand Lodge and seal fabricated by an expelled Mason, and intended to pass and impose upon our Ancient Order, particularly in America.

"It has become necessary to guard against imposition and the designs of those who, to gratify the spleen of a disappointed individual and cover the nefarious practices of others, are most actively employed in vilifying and attempting to bring into disrepute the Ancient Craft in these kingdoms.

"Our R. W. Grand Lodge, supported by the most zealous protection of his Grace, the Duke of Athol, our Most Noble Grand Master, who defended the cause of Masonry in the late Parliament, watchful to protect our ancient rights and privileges and to preserve our inestimable resources and charities, I hope and trust, under the protection of Divine Providence, will long continue to us that increasing prosperity so interesting and honorable to our most Ancient Fraternity.

"I remain, Worshipful Sir and Brothers,

"Your obedient servant and

"Faithful Brother in Masonry,

"ROBERT LESLIE,

"Grand Secretary."

The committee to whom was referred, on the 6th of June last, the communication from the Sublime Lodge at Charleston, South Carolina, made report: That there is just grounds to join most cordially in sincere wishes for a union taking place between us,—Ancient York Masons and the society called by the name of Modern Masons,—but relying on the pure establishment of Ancient Masonry, and believing that nothing was left for future ages to correct or add to, we cannot, consistent with our ancient usages, recognize any person as a Brother who has not strictly conformed to all our ancient customs and usages. That as far as respects the establishment of Lodges for Sublime or High Degrees your committee are of opinion that the R. W. Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction above Royal Arches. Any degree above that they conceive is not founded on Ancient Masonry.

The R. W. Grand Master presented a letter, directed to him, from Brother J. B. Smith, late R. W. Grand Master, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"R. W. SIR AND BROTHERS:

"Permit me to request the favor of your presenting to the R. W. Grand Lodge, in my name, a painting, the subject of which is interesting to Masons, and which is stated to be done by an Ancient Mason, and may be considered as an appropriate ornament in a Lodge. With this view I purchased it. The picture I have placed in the keeping of your Grand Tyler.

"With sincere regards for yourself and for the R. W. Grand Lodge,

"I am, R. W. Sir and Brethren, yours truly,
(Signed) "J. B. SMITH.

"PHILADELPHIA, September 5th, 1803."

[*Marginal Note.*—A painting of Solomon's Temple, presented by Brother J. B. Smith, late R. W. G. M.*]

Whereupon, on motion, resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Smith for this additional mark of his attention to the Grand Lodge.

On motion, resolved, unanimously, that the Hall Committee be authorized to have the said painting framed and proceed in the finishing of it in such manner as they shall see proper.

On motion, resolved, that the money resting in the hands of the Grand Secretary be paid to the Treasurer of the Building Committee.

Brother Duplessis presented sundry papers he had received from the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of St. Domingo, containing an account of the installation of the Provincial Grand Lodge aforesaid, at Port Republican, on the 1st day June, 5802, the names of the Grand Officers, and a list of the Lodges under their jurisdiction to that date, six in number, to wit:

Lodge the Union of Franco-American Hearts, No. 47, at Port Republican, late Port-au-Prince.

Lodge Les Freres Re-unis, No. 87, at the Cape.

Lodge Le Concorde, at St. Marc, No. 88.

Lodge Les Freres Sincerement Re-unis, at Aux Cayes, No. 89.

Lodge L'Humilte, at Losse à Veau, No. 95.

Lodge La Parfaite Harmonie, St. Domingo.

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* This painting is now in possession of the Grand Lodge Library.

Said last-mentioned Lodge—La Parfaite Harmonie—not having been reported to this Grand Lodge before (it having been instituted since the receipt of the last communication from the said Provincial Grand Lodge), the same is to be registered and numbered, and have precedence and rank in this Grand Lodge as of this date, and the number and rank therefore of the said Lodge is 97.

Brother Duplessis informed the Grand Lodge that the unhappy circumstances of the Colony had prevented the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of several Lodges, and that the R. W. Provincial Grand Master would, as soon as possible, forward the proper returns, dues, etc.

Brother Duplessis also presented a list of the officers and members of Lodge No. 89, on the 25th August, 5801, the day of their installation by Brother Jacques Michot, Pierre Courroy, and Ignace Solomon, deputized for that purpose; also a list of the officers and members of the said Lodge on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 5801.

It appeared by the said communications that Brother Duplessis is an honorary member forever of the said Lodge; also that he is duly appointed proxy of the same.

Brother Jean Marie Bon Jour, W. M. of said Lodge No. 89, informed the Grand Lodge that owing to the continual dangers and distress the Colony was exposed to from the negroes, the greater part of the Brethren who had escaped with their lives had endeavored to procure a passage to this country or Europe, and that many had been plundered of all they had saved by the British cruisers.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th December, A. D. 1803.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 33, 41, 47, 52, 59, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 81, 87, 89, 91.

This being the evening appointed by the by-laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the election for officers, on motion, Resolved, that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election.

Brother Duplessis thereupon informed the R. W. Grand Master

and the Brethren that Brother Manges, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, had desired him to mention that he is impressed with the highest sentiments of respect and gratitude for the honor done him by the R. W. Grand Lodge at his election last year, but that the precarious state of his health and the duties of his profession do not permit him to attend as he would wish, and begs the brethren would elect in his room a Brother more able to give the due attendance.

The following Brethren were duly elected:

Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Robert Pullen, Esq., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

George A. Baker, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Port-au-Prince reported the following new Lodges:

Lodge La Perseverance No. 98, and Lodge La Temple du Bonheur No. 99.

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Tuesday, 27th December, A. D. 1803.

Present: Brother Israel Israel, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 21, 41, 45, 47, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 83, 87, 89, 91, 96.

The following Grand Officers were installed:

Bro. Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq.,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Robert Pullen,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Daniel McKaraher,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Robert Lewis,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. Dr. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplains.
" " " William Rogers,	
Bro. Major Andrew Wilson,	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" General Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.

Bro. Thomas Cave,	Grand Stewards.
" John Phillips,	
" Cadwalader Griffiths,	Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder,	Grand Tyler.
" Joseph Blaine,	Hall Committee.
" John Uhle,	
" Ezekiel Howell,	

Frederick Wolbert, Esq., for the Northern Liberties; Israel Israel, Esq. (the R. W. Grand Master), for the City; Ebenezer Ferguson, Esq., for Southwark, Recommenders of Objects to the Dispensary.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary write to the different Lodges desiring them to transmit copies of their By-Laws to the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that, having lately been at Lancaster, he had visited Lodge No. 43, held at that place, having directed them to be convened for that purpose, and that he had great pleasure in communicating that they carried on their works with the greatest order and regularity.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d January, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 76.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, of 1st January, 1803, was read. It contained the names of their Grand Officers for the year 1803, being,

His Royal Highness Edward Duke of Kent and Strathern, etc., R. W. Grand Master.

Brother John Lynd, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" William Holmes, Esq., R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Thomas Edgeworth, Esq., R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" William Lindsay, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Peter Deschurquet, Esq., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Also a list of the Lodges under their jurisdiction, being eighteen in number, and it communicated sundry expulsions.

Ordered to be placed among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge, to be called the Rising Sun Lodge, at the house of William Miller, in Blumsburg, Blum Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and that Brother Daniel B. Potter may be named Worshipful Master, Brother William Park Senior Warden, and Brother Christian Brobst Junior Warden of the same; which petition being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion, ordered, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 100.

The committee appointed on the 5th of September last to report respecting a question contained in a letter from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 12, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"The committee to whom was referred that part of a letter from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, requesting a decision of this Grand Lodge to the following question, 'Can a Mason be a member of two Lodges at one and the same time and under two different Grand Lodges,' report that they have duly considered the same, and are clearly of opinion that such a principle cannot be admitted, either under the same jurisdiction or under two or more Grand Lodges. That the application of a Brother to be a joining member ought not to be received until full satisfaction was given that the applicant had regularly and honorably withdrawn from the Lodge he formerly belonged to; and under no pretence whatever can he be admitted a member of one body and yet retain his membership in another.

"EBENEZER FERGUSON,
ROBERT PULLEN.

"December 5th, 1803."

Which report was adopted.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th March, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 20, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91.

Minutes of Committee of Charity read and approved.

A letter from the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 21 was read, informing the said Lodge has adopted the name of "Perseverance."

A letter from the Brethren whose petition for a warrant for holding a Lodge in Blumsburg was read and the prayer thereof granted on 2d January last, dated Blumsburg, 4th February, was read. It requested that Brother Christian Brobst might be named Master in the warrant in the room of Brother Daniel B. Potter, who had declined, and that Brother John Curcle might be named Junior Warden in the room of Brother Brobst, which letter being signed by all the petitioners for said warrant, to wit, Brothers Daniel B. Potter, William Park, Christian Brobst, Daniel Goodin, and John Curcle, on motion, *Resolved*, That their request be complied with.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Accounts be directed to call on the committee appointed on the 15th November, 1802, to procure subscriptions in aid of the building in Filbert Street, and to examine and inspect what moneys have been subscribed, what moneys have actually been collected by each member of the said committee, and how much each member has paid over to the Building Committee, and also the amount of moneys subscribed and remaining uncollected, and that they report the same fully to this Grand Lodge.

Special Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th April, 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91, 96.

Monday, the 2d day of April, instant, the day to which the Grand Lodge stood adjourned, having been a holy day, to wit, Easter Monday, no summonses were issued nor a meeting held agreeably to

said adjournment. The Grand Lodge was now convened in consequence of a letter received by the R. W. Grand Master from the committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the acquisition of Louisiana on the 12th day of May next, which letter was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 20th, 1804.

"SIR: As chairman of a committee of the Joint Committees of the Tammany Society and the Philadelphia Legion to meet such committees as may be chosen from all civil, political, or military associations for the purpose of making necessary arrangements preparatory to the celebration of the acquisition of Louisiana on the 12th day of May next, I am directed to address by letter and request the concurrence of your society to appoint a committee to meet us on that grand jubilee, for which purpose the above committees have adjourned to meet on Tuesday, 27th instant, at 4 o'clock P.M., at the house of Colonel Kitts, at which time and place they will be happy to meet a committee from your association.

"I am, with due respect,

"Your fellow-citizen,

"ISAAC WORRALL."

"Addressed to the R. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Brethren be presented to the said Joint Committee for their polite attention, but that they be informed at the same time that it is incompatible with the principles of our society to join in the procession in the character of Masons.

Resolved, That Brothers Duplessis, Pullen, and Baker be a committee to communicate the same to the said Joint Committee.

Brother Gavin Hamilton, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was installed into his said office, and proclaimed and saluted according to ancient form and usage. The ceremony of installation was performed by Brother Duplessis.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th June, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 11, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 91, 96.

On motion, a number of Brethren were admitted as visitors.

Resolved, That in future all communications from other Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge be of course referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report thereon, unless otherwise directed.

A letter was received from Brother S—— T——, which was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"TO THE R. W. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"GENTLEMEN: Being informed that a few members of Lodge No. 75 (not exceeding four) on Saturday, the 21st of April, laid a charge against me and expelled me from the benefits of Masonry, without letting me know the complaint or giving me a chance of making any defence whatever; I called on the Lodge on the 19th of May, at their stated meeting for a copy of their proceedings against me, which was also refused. I now call on the R. W. Grand Lodge for a redress of grievances, and will, as soon as may be, inform the W. Master of Lodge No. 75 that I have appealed from their decision and conduct towards me. I am, in the meantime,

"Your most obedient and very humble servant,

(Signed) "S—— T——."

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary write to Lodge No. 75, transmitting them a copy of the said letter, and desiring them to furnish the Grand Lodge with a copy of their proceedings in the said case.

The Committee on Accounts informed that they were not ready to report the accounts of the committee appointed on the 15th November, 1802, to procure subscriptions in aid of the building of the hall.

Grand Special Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 7th June, A. D. 1804.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 67, 70, 91.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master informed the Brethren that they were convened in consequence of an application from divers Brethren praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in Dauphin County. The said petition was thereupon read. It is from six Brethren, late members of Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Palms Town, Londonderry Township, Dauphin County (being on the road from Reading to Harrisburg, about 38 miles from the former, and about 18 miles from the latter), and that Brother William Patten, D.D., might be named Master, Brother Joseph Dayarmon Senior Warden, and Brother Frederick Wolfersberger Junior Warden of the same, and that the same be held at the house of the said Brother Joseph Dayarmon, which petition being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 101.

Grand General Communication.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 25th June (St. John's Day having fallen on Sunday, 24th instant), A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 88, 91.

A letter from Lodge No. 92, held at Union Town, dated 7th inst., was read. It requested information and advice respecting the following question, viz.:

"When a Brother, not a member of any Lodge in America, has injured another Brother who at the time was not a member of any Lodge, but has a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

and since the injury has deposited his certificate and been admitted to membership in Lodge No. 92, in what manner, and before what tribunal, may the Brother injured seek redress?"

On consideration the said letter was referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

A letter from Brother James Edgar, dated Kaskaskia, 7th May, last, directed to James or Thomas Wilkins, was read. Brother Edgar thereby intimated a desire of obtaining a dispensation for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia until a society should be formed, when application might be made for a warrant.

Ordered to lie over for consideration until next Quarterly Communication.

The Committee of Correspondence having had referred to them the communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia respecting the propriety and expediency of applying for an act of incorporation, made report:

"That in the opinion of your committee such a measure is neither expedient, proper, nor consistent with the nature and design of our institutions. The only ostensible reason for seeking this novel appendage is the more certain security of titles to real estate; but when it is considered how little danger or inconvenience attends the creation of trusts for this purpose, in the hands of solid and respectable members of the Fraternity, and their occasional renewal on the demise of any considerable number of such trustees, your committee cannot consider this object of any pressing necessity, and any benefits to be derived from it they apprehend would be counterbalanced by evils and dangers of an incalculable extent. They trust, indeed, that they will not be considered as betraying a warmth of feeling beyond what the occasion calls for, when they declare their settled conviction that charters of incorporation ingrafted on Masonic establishments are by far the most serious and alarming innovations that have ever threatened their secrecy, harmony, good order, and perpetuity. Has it been considered, your committee would ask, that by the acceptance of a charter the Masonic institution becomes the creature of the civil government, that its freedom of action and independence are destroyed, that its conduct becomes subjected to

external control and restraint, and that, instead of being accountable only to the Great Architect, it becomes a responsible member of the political body? The usual incidents of incorporated institutions will, of course, be annexed to these, and one of the most prominent is their being subjected to judicial process, not only in the process of suing and being sued for pecuniary demands, but on the complaints of individuals who may be induced to the legal tribunals of the country for the redress of such real or imaginary wrongs as ought only to be redressed or considered in the bosom of the Lodge. Thus may our most secret transactions be exposed to the observation, criticism, and sneers of the uninitiated whenever a disappointed candidate for office, or an unworthy expelled Brother, shall choose to resort to a court for the satisfaction of an alleged or pretended injury. On such application the grounds of our decision will be examined, and after an unwarrantable and ruinous exposure of proceedings which the nature of our society requires to be sacred and confidential, we may be subjected to the painful necessity of seeing our ancient and inviolable landmarks disregarded and set at naught by men who, however otherwise wise and learned, have not a view of the whole ground, and are in consequence ignorant of their utility and insensible of the beautiful and consistent aspect they present to the Masonic observer. Your committee will not more particularly advert to other inconveniences of a similar nature, nor to still more alarming evils, which in the course of human events and the urgency of political circumstances might possibly, in their opinion, ensue the adoption of this measure; nor do they mean to dwell on the impolicy of encouraging a spirit of insubordination by suffering dissatisfied individuals to hope for any extraneous aids against the occasional censures or other acts of the bodies to which they belonged. They will only add, that the Grand Lodge of England once agreed to apply for a charter of incorporation, and a bill was introduced into Parliament for that purpose, but no sooner was its pernicious tendency discovered than the united remonstrances of the Brethren induced the then Deputy Grand Master, who was a Member of the House of Commons, to move for its postponement *sine die*. The motion was agreed to, and the measure has not been revived. Such a measure was also once brought forward in your Right Worshipful Body. It was referred to a committee, where it has rested for several years, and it is hoped will never again be heard of.

"Your committee being of opinion that the order and symmetry, the peace, welfare, and durability of our ancient and honorable society are founded on its total independence of civil or political establishments, and that its ability to perpetuate its existence without any other aid than the conscientious labors of the Brethren and the favor of the Divine Architect is not diminished, recommend that a fraternal communication be made to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, thanking them for their confidence and respect in submitting this question to your consideration, and should you concur in the sentiments contained in this report that the same be transmitted therewith to the said R. W. Grand Lodge.

(Signed) "JAMES MILNOR,
PETER LEBARBIER DUPLESSIS.

"ST. JOHN'S DAY, 25th June, 1804."

On consideration the said report was unanimously adopted, and the Grand Secretary directed to communicate the same to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d September, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 57, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 91.

Resolved, That, on account of the weather being exceedingly warm, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that no business be taken up this evening except what shall appear essentially necessary, and that all other business now before the Grand Lodge lay over for an Adjourned Communication.

A petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Joppa, near Jenkintown, in the county of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, to be called Jerusalem Lodge, and that Brother Ebenezer Hickling might be named Master, Brother Mahlon Dungan Senior Warden, and Brother Joseph Thomas Junior Warden of the same, which petition being duly recommended, according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that

Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 102.

A letter from Brother Snyder, Grand Tyler, was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

"Your Grand Tyler respectfully begs leave to represent that mostly on every St. John's Day he is in a very disagreeable situation, and without intention gives offence either to the new officers elect or to the old ones. Both are wanting the Aprons and Jewels of their office, and claim the right to represent the Grand Lodge for their respective Lodges for that day. The new officers say that they are installed and their time begins on that day. The old officers contend that they receive notices from the Grand Secretary to attend the Grand Lodge, and not the Grand Officers elect; that the Grand Lodge does not know the new officers until the Grand Lodge is opened and the reports of the new officers is read, consequently the time of the new officers begins after the Grand Lodge is closed. I, therefore, humbly beg the R. W. Grand Lodge will please to decide which of the officers has the right to wear the Aprons and Jewels on St. John's Day, and prevent further altercation on that day.

"I remain, with the greatest respect, R. W. Grand Master,

"Your very humble servant and Brother,

"WILLIAM SCHNIDER,

"Grand Tyler."

The consideration of which letter was postponed.

A letter from Dr. George Green was read, and is in the words following, viz.:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS, ETC., COMPRISING THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS FOR THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"GENTS: Inclosed is a certificate from the Grand Lodge of London, which I have presented to several Subordinate Lodges in different parts of the United States for ten or eleven years past without any difficulty. The composition and signature of this certificate is doubted, which Mr. Pullen, the Worshipful Junior Grand Warden can testify. I request you will, therefore, take the same into consideration. I take the liberty of observing that it is not only calling me, but it

is calling the *Grand Lodge of London* to an account. I request the favor of being present during the time it is considered, in order to answer any charge respecting it.

"I am, gentlemen, yours, respectfully,

"GEORGE GREEN.

"September 3d, 1804."

Whereupon, on consideration, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary write to the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, transmitting them the said certificate, and requesting the favor of their communicating to this Grand Lodge whether the same be genuine or not.

Resolved, That the Building Committee be authorized to let the room on the first floor in the Hall, as also the cellar under the same, to any person they shall see proper.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th October, A.D. 1804.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges, Nos. 9, 19, 21, 45, 59, 67, 71, 72, 91.

The letter from Brother James Edgar, respecting a dispensation for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia, read on St. John's Day last, and ordered to lie over for consideration, was again read and referred to to the R. W. Grand Master, to take such measures therein as he may deem most expedient.

The letter from Brother Snyder, Grand Tyler, read on the 3d September last, and whereof the consideration was postponed, was again read, whereupon, on consideration,

Resolved, That the new officers of the different Lodges are entitled to wear their badges and represent their respective Lodges in Grand Lodge on the St. John's Day ensuing their election.

The following motion was laid on the table, by the R. W. Past Grand Master Smith, for consideration:

That whenever the peculiar circumstances of any Lodge may render it inexpedient or inconvenient to elect their officers on or before each St. John's Day, that they may be permitted to hold annual elections.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d December, A.D., 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges, Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 43, 47, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 81, 87, 93, 96, 100, 102.

A letter from Brother Milnor, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, to Brother Grand Secretary was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"DEAR SIR: You will oblige me by making known to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge that I am under the necessity of declining the honor of being considered a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. They will be pleased at the same time to receive my sincere thanks for the many marks of confidence and respect with which they have favored me in the various appointments to which I have been from time to time called, having only to regret my want of ability more perfectly to discharge the duties connected with them. Accept for yourself the assurance of my sincere regard, and believe me,

"Your faithful Brother and obedient servant,

"JAMES MILNOR,

"Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"December 3d, 1804."

[A number of proxy commissions were read and accepted.]

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that this was the evening appointed by the By-laws of the Grand Lodge for holding the election for officers for the ensuing year, whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election.

The following Brethren were then duly elected, in ancient form, to wit:

Brother	Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master, re-elected.
"	Frederick Wolbert, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
"	Robert Pullen, Esq.,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
"	Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
"	George A. Baker.	R. W. Grand Secretary.
"	Thomas Armstrong, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA FREEMASONS' HALL,

Filbert St., west of Eighth St., Philadelphia.

Purchased May 29, 1802, Dedicated Dec. 27, 1802, Vacated June 24, 1811, Re-occupied March 20, 1819, Torn Down Jan. 30, 1880.

[Printed at the request of a number of Brethren.]

THE MASONIC HALL ON FILBERT STREET, NEAR EIGHTH, PHILADELPHIA—THE SECOND IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THE OLDEST IN THE UNITED STATES.

PAPER READ BEFORE THE ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA, BY CHARLES E. MEYER, ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30TH, 1880.

EARTH to earth, dust to dust, are terms we hear as oft as we are called to follow to the grave the remains of some loved one. Such is human life. What man has made, must decay. The stateliest edifices erected by man's ingenuity are but lessons to man that eternity is not on this earth. What the accumulations of ages have covered with dust of hundreds and thousands of years, and have hidden from the eyes of man for centuries, will in the future be brought to light, and men will wonder at the wisdom, skill and handicraft of the prehistoric man. Daily we read of the unearthing of some ancient city or monument, of which no books now in existence speak. And is it not wonderful that the earth is a better preserver than man?

Such were our thoughts in the summer of 1878, as we, in company with three other members (Fraters Sutter, Packer, and Mucklé) of our college were shown the past wonders of the old city of York, England. We were impressed with peculiar feelings of our insignificance as we visited the ruins of the old Hospitium, the ruins (wonderful for their size) of St. Mary's Abbey, with the curious Mason's marks, the old Refectory, containing a large number of relics dug from the very ground over which we had passed. A spot which we believe was once covered with *water*, which by the changes wrought by means of internal *fire* became *earth*, and was now rendered habitable by the *air* we breathe, and warmed by the *light* of the sun. We shall never forget, at the Refectory, standing before that single tress of woman's hair, which had been exhumed only a few short months before. There stood the stone sarcophagus in which the body was entombed, no one knows how many hundred years ago; and when it was opened, there, in plaster, was moulded the form of its occupant,—but of the occupant nothing was left but dust, and this tress of jet-black hair, perfectly dressed, like unto the fashion of to-day, with all the toilet and hair-dressing appliances of the present time, thus showing that centuries ago the same habits and customs prevailed as now.

Thoughts such as these bring us of the present to think of the present. From this old city of York, Masonry was promulgated over the wide, wide world. From it sprang the four Grand Lodges of England,—1717, the Grand Lodge of England; 1725, the Grand Lodge of ALL England; 1753, the Grand Lodge of England, according to the old Constitutions, or "Seceders;" and 1779, the Grand Lodge of England south of the Trent,—the first and third of which introduced into this country the two systems known as "Ancient" and "Modern." Philadelphia may well claim to be the "Premier" or "Mother" city of Freemasonry in America, both "Modern" and "Ancient." In 1730, Daniel Cox introduced in Philadelphia that which was afterwards known as "Modern" Masonry, working under the Grand Lodge of England of 1717. The several Lodges (three) met in Philadelphia for a

number of years regularly, and about the year 1754 were in the zenith of their glory.

It was customary in olden times, you will remember, for all public and private meetings to be held in taverns. This originated, no doubt, from the fact that they were generally located in that portion of the city or town which was most populous, and also because the taverns had mostly attached to them some large rooms or halls suitable as places for meeting. The Freemasons were in the habit of holding their meetings in the leading taverns of the day, and in many cases derived their names from the names of the signboards of the same.

Prior to 1754 the Lodges in Philadelphia met in the Tun Tavern, Water Street between Chestnut and Walnut; also at the Indian King Hotel, Market below Third Street; and at the Royal Standard Tavern, Market near Second Street. The Society had become so influential and enthusiastic in 1754, that they erected their own place of meeting, and called it the "Freemasons' Lodge," which was the first Masonic Hall in America. This building, located on Lodge Alley, running from Second below Chestnut Street, was afterwards sold and the proceeds given to the city to form a fund to furnish the poor of the city with fuel. This fund is now under the control of the City Trust.

There is no account of this building having been dedicated. A short time after its erection, the news came of the formation of a new Grand Lodge in London, the Lodges of which had seceded from the original Grand Lodge of 1717, in London, and that it had assumed the title of "The Ancients." In 1758 a warrant was granted to Lodges Nos. 2 and 3, in this city, and in 1761 a warrant was issued to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which, in 1786, became independent of the Grand Lodge and formed the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

For several years the Ancient and Modern Lodges in this city met in the Freemasons' Lodge, the hall of the Moderns, and no doubt the members visited both Lodges when opportunity offered. Certain it is that Dr. Wm. Smith, the Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was a Modern Mason in 1755, and delivered a sermon before that Grand Lodge, at which Benjamin Franklin was present and participated, and that subsequently he was for a number of years Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain of the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, being then an Ancient Mason. This is an important link which connects the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with the Grand Lodge formed in Philadelphia prior to 1732.

The Grand Lodge and subordinates held their meetings in the same hall as the Moderns, up to the year 1776. In 1777 they met at the City Tavern, Second and Walnut; in 1786 at a house in Videll's Alley, Second below Chestnut; 1790 in the Free Quakers' Meeting-house, now Apprentices' Library, Fifth and Arch streets; in 1799 in Independence Hall, and then at the house of Brother Francis, on Eighth Street near Arch. This latter was only temporary.

The city about this time did not extend beyond the corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, and all west of that point was called the Western Commons, and was diversified by the usual country characteristics of hill and dale. We are told that there was a large pond of water at the northeast corner of Eighth and Arch streets. In the year 1801, on June 24th, measures were taken to purchase a suitable house for meeting purposes. A committee was appointed to purchase a building on the south side of Arch Street, above Ninth; owing to the great distance from the city, the Grand Lodge subsequently directed the committee to purchase a property elsewhere.

On June 7th, 1802, the committee reported the purchase, on May 29th, 1802, from William Hunter, Arch Master, and Martha, his wife, all that certain three story brick messuage and lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Filbert Street, between Eighth and Ninth (present number 814), 36 feet 3 inches front, and 75 feet deep, together with the privileges of a 9 feet wide alley and 30 feet square open courtyard. The committee were also authorized to make such alterations as were necessary. The chairman of the Building Committee, Brother James Milnor, afterwards Grand Master, reported to the Grand Lodge, November 15th, 1802, that the Grand Lodge Room was nearly finished, but that the other parts of the building were not in so forward a state. At the same meeting, it was resolved that the building be called and known as "The Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall," and that the Building Committee have an inscription engraved on copper or other lasting substance, commemorative of the time when the building of the hall was commenced or undertaken, to be put up inside of the hall. The changes made in the building were as follows: The upper story was raised some 10 feet; the Grand Lodge Room was on the third floor, and was about 34 feet square; the ceiling of the room, 11 feet 8 inches high, was cut through in a circular form, the opening being about 20 feet in diameter, and a dome was erected, supported by 8 columns or pillars, placed in a circular form; the dome and walls were plastered and finished in white. Within the circle (20 feet) on the floor was no doubt a tessellated pavement, thus forming the Lodge. The floors were all double and deadened. The Brethren were seated on a dais around the room, and in the southeast corner, at the head of the stairs, was the Tyler's porch. The room must have presented a fine appearance in those days. Above the dome was a cupola, but the latter has long since been removed. The dome, however, remains intact and can be seen plainly, as you all having examined the same will bear witness to-day. The entrance to the building was at the eastern end, towards Eighth Street. At the door were placed two highly ornamented columns. In the second story was the Chapter and Encampment Room. This room was also rented out for balls, parties, etc.

The first floor was fitted up for a school, and rented to some respectable teacher (who was a Mason), the rent to be paid by the education of a certain number of children of worthy Masons in needy circumstances. There was also a banquet room. The rents of the Chapter and Encampment Room were fixed at $20 per annum, while the Lodges paid $40 per annum.

The dedication ceremonies took place on December 27th, 1802, and surpassed all other displays of that time. Everything was done to add to the effect of the spectacle.

The line formed at 9 o'clock and moved at 11.30 o'clock from the Church of the Universalists, on Lombard, between Fourth and Fifth streets, led by two Tylers with drawn swords, the Brethren all carrying wands, the officers bearing the emblems of their offices. Four Past Masters carried the Lodge, which was covered with white satin. The consecrating vessels of corn, wine, and oil, and the greater and lesser lights were carried in state by Past Masters, and, no doubt, to the wonderment of the citizen lookers-on. The elective Grand Officers each marched with his successor in office at his left hand. The Grand Master, Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith, had, at his right hand, the Grand Master of New Jersey, Brother John Beatty; the Grand Deacon and Grand Pursuivant closing up the line of procession.

When the procession reached the building the Brethren halted, opened the ranks, and the R. W. Grand Master, attended by the Grand Master of New Jersey, R. W.

Brother Beatty, and followed by the Grand Officers and a very considerable number of Brethren, were received in the outer apartment under a display of music. On the Grand Master reaching Solomon's Chair the present Grand Officers took their seats, and the elect and Past Grand Officers, the reverend Brethren, members of the Hall Committee and other Brethren repaired to the seats prepared for them. The Grand Master being proclaimed, the music performed a grand piece till all the Brethren were seated. The Lodge was then placed in the centre of the hall, and the three lesser lights, with the three silver pitchers containing corn, wine, and oil, were placed thereon. The Bible, square, compasses, and Book of Constitutions, on a crimson velvet cushion, being placed on the pedestal, an anthem was sung. The Grand Master then ordered the Lodge to be Tyled. The following Lodges were represented, viz.:

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 21, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, and 91, being twenty-four Lodges.

The Lodge was then uncovered and Grand Lodge opened in ample form, when the Grand Master mentioned to the Brethren that he was informed that the venerable and Reverend Brother William Smith, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Secretary, had composed a prayer appropriate to the day. The said Brother Smith, with the concurrence of the Reverend Brother John Andrews, D.D., Grand Chaplain, delivered the prayer to the general satisfaction of the Brethren.

The Grand Secretary intimated the Architect's desire to return the implements intrusted to his care, whereupon Brother Jackson, the Architect, addressed the Grand Master, who expressed his high satisfaction at the completion of the hall, and commanded the Grand Wardens to receive back the implements, which was complied with, and they were laid on the Lodge.

It may be mentioned incidentally that, as the building was not erected originally by the Grand Lodge, but merely altered, that no corner-stone was laid.

The Grand Secretary then informed the Grand Master that it was the desire of the Society to have the hall dedicated to Masonry, when the Grand Master commanded his officers to assist in that pleasing ceremony, the music meanwhile playing. The Grand Officers then walked round the Lodge three different times, stopping each time for the ceremony of dedication. At the end of the first procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, strewing corn over the Lodge, declared in solemn form the hall dedicated to MASONRY, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the grand honors were given. At the end of the second procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, pouring wine over the Lodge, declared in solemn form the hall dedicated to VIRTUE and SCIENCE, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the grand honors were given as before. At the end of the third procession, the music being silent, the Grand Master, pouring oil on the Lodge, in solemn form declared the hall dedicated to UNIVERSAL CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE, which being proclaimed by the Grand Secretary the grand honors were given as before. A grand anthem, adapted to the occasion, set to music by Brother Reinagle, was sung by Brothers Reinagle, Fox, Warren, and Roberts.

The Grand Master returned to Solomon's Chair, under the acclamations of the Brethren, and the music performing "When earth's foundation first was laid," etc.

The Grand Master was then pleased to deliver an affectionate address, which was received by the Brethren with the most lively tokens of gratitude and acknowledgment, and their approbation was testified in the usual form.

It may be well here to note that these dedicatory services were the first that were used by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The total cost of the building was $3000, the alterations and furnishing about $6000, making a total of about $9000.

In consideration of the fraternal affection to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, of Brother William Francis in providing them a temple to work in during the building of the permanent hall, at a time when they were all destitute of a place of meeting, the Grand Lodge by resolution requested the R. W. Grand Master to pass to the chair Brother Francis, and a Past Master's collar and apron were presented to him.

On March 7th, 1803, the Building Committee was directed to have the hall insured against accidents by fire.

On May 4th, 1803, the Hall Committee was ordered to purchase six patent lamps, and have them fixed in the hall.

Here the Grand Lodge met for several years, and the minutes of the Lodges about this time note the presence, as visitors, of Brethren from far and near.

As a place of meeting it was not a success. The distance from "town," and the unsuitableness of the building for the purposes intended, caused the Brethren to consider the subject of moving.

On April 6th, 1807, the following resolutions were offered in the Grand Lodge:

"WHEREAS, it has been found from experience that the Masonic Hall (the property of this Grand Lodge) has not, nor cannot be made to afford those accommodations suitable to the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania; and

"WHEREAS, from the great increase of members to the Masonic institutions of this city who hold their meetings in the hall belonging to the Grand Lodge, the accommodations have proved quite insufficient; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed with full powers to sell to the best advantage the Masonic Hall, the property of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the trustees holding said property be directed to make a transfer of the same to such person or persons as said committee shall direct; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That the above-named committee be directed to ascertain if a suitable lot of ground (either in ground-rent or purchase) can be had in the central part of the city, for the purpose of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall, suitable to the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania."

On December 7th, 1807, the committee reported that they had an offer from Thomas Carstairs, an eminent carpenter of Philadelphia, to purchase the hall for $5000, to be paid for in work on the new hall, and that he had also agreed to do the carpenter-work for ten per cent. less than the old prices.

The Building Committee subsequently was directed to purchase the lot on Chestnut Street, above Seventh, north side, and erect a magnificent building thereon.

On June 24th, 1811, the Grand Lodge moved to the new building on Chestnut Street (the first Chestnut Street Hall), which cost $86,980.12½, when the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall was sold for the sum of $4500—one-half the cost. Eight years afterwards (March 9th, 1819), when the Chestnut Street Hall was destroyed by fire, the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, etc., moved to the Filbert Street Hall again, which they occupied during the time the Chestnut Street Hall was being rebuilt. On March 1st, 1820, the Grand Lodge moved to the second Chestnut Street Hall, and then ceased all Masonic work in the "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall." Its history from that time is not of any interest. The second-story rooms were occupied at different times by Thomas Birch, the celebrated marine painter, a personal

friend of Frater John Sartain, and also by Thomas Welsh, as celebrated an engraver. These rooms were also used for dancing parties, at many of which Frater Mark Richards Mucklé was present. The public schools of the Ninth Section, of which Frater John L. Young was director, were held here for a number of years, and lately it has been used for manufacturing purposes; it has for a number of years belonged to the Kates' estate. It may be incidentally mentioned that in the open courtyard, already noted as being in the rear of the building, and running through nearly to Market Street, there is a building once occupied by Benedict Arnold.

The building is now to be demolished to give place to the onward march of improvements. To-day we stand within its walls to hold the last meeting as Brethren of the R. C. therein, to-morrow orders have issued to level it with the ground, and in a short time a stately brick edifice will be erected, a credit to the city. Thus passes away one of the oldest Masonic Halls in this city, and, I venture to say, in the country.

Oh, that the walls could echo and repeat the words of good cheer and hearty welcome once given therein; the songs and toasts and jests; the beautiful rendering of the ancient ritual by a Duplessis, a Milnor, an Israel, and the Smiths—William, the Provost of the University, and Jonathan Bayard, and a host of others,—a ritual retained by us with but few changes up to this day. Cannot we almost hear the "Amen, so mote it be," which followed that prayer prepared for the occasion of dedication by Dr. Smith, and so affectionately and reverentially offered by himself, and then the musical voices of the Masonic choir or quartette in that glorious anthem, "When earth's foundation first was laid?" How the rooms must have had their very silence broken (there is to me always a peculiar, profound, holy silence in a Masonic Lodge room) by the Master's gavel, as he governed his Lodge with justice and equity.

Here presided in the East of Grand Lodge, Grand Masters Israel Israel, for two years, and James Milnor, from 1806 to 1811, and Bayse Newcombe in 1819.

And now, to end with the beginning, "earth to earth, dust to dust." What man erects man destroys, and reproduces in another and more beautiful form. The handicraft of man takes the shapeless mass, and from it produces and brings forth a most beautiful piece of work.

QUOD POTUI PERFECI.

[The meeting of the Rosicrucian Society of Philadelphia, on Friday, January 30th, 1880, was held in the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, No. 814 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, the following being present: Fraters Charles E. Meyer, Daniel Sutter, Mark Richards Mucklé, John L. Young, James S. Barber, John Hanold, John Sartain, Henry Sartain, Augustus R. Hall, and Thomas R. Patton, the absent members being Charles W. Packer, John Keller, Jr., and Edward S. Wyckoff. This was the last meeting held in the old hall.]

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 17th December, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 87, 89, 93, 96.

A petition was read from divers Brethren praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the city of Havanna, in the Island of Cuba, to be called "Le Temple des vertus Theologales," and that Bro. Joseph Cerneau might be named Master; Bro. Pierre Courroy, S. W., and Bro. Pierre Vauchey, J. W. of the same; which petition being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge,

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 103.

Grand General Communication.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, 27th December, A. D. 1804.

Present: Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 76, 91, 96.

The following Grand Officers were installed:

Bro. Israel Israel, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Pullen,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Robert Lewis,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas Raynor,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. Doct^r. William Rodgers,	Grand Chaplains.
" " " George Potts,	Grand Chaplains.

Bro. Thomas Cave,	Grand Stewards.
" John Phillips,	
" Andrew Nilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.
" Cadwallader Griffith,	Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder,	Grand Tyler.
" James Milnor, Esq.,	Committee of Correspondence.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	
" Robert Lewis,	
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	Committee of Accounts.
" Thomas Hennessy,	
" Thomas Shoemaker,	
" Robert Lewis,	
" Samuel Israel,	
" Joseph Blaine,	Hall Committee.
" John Uhle,	
" Ezekiel Howell,	
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq., R. W. D. G. M., for the Northern Liberties,	Recommenders of objects to the Philadelphia Dispensary.
" Israel Israel, Esq. (the R. W. G. M.), for the city,	
" Robert Hill, for Southwark,	
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq., R. W. D. G. M.,	Committee to examine the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.
" Robert Pullen, R. W. S. G. W.,	
" Robert Poalk, R. W. J. G. W.,	

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 21st January, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 70, 72, 91, 100.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the house of Peter Forney, in Leacock Town-

ship, in the county of Lancaster, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to be called "Philanthropic Lodge," and that Bro. Samuel Ramsey might be named Master, Bro. Joseph Lefevre Senior Warden, and Bro. Joel Lightner Junior Warden of the same.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 104.

Two communications from the Grand Lodge of England, of 7th March and 7th June last, were read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report thereon.

Two communications from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, of 27th April and 12th September last, were read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report thereon.

A communication from Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, was read. It stated certain inconveniences which they conceive they labor under in their communications with the Grand Lodge; also certain doubts, respecting the Grand Lodge dues of some of their old or former members, and request instructions from the Grand Lodge in the premises.

The consideration of the said communication was referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report thereon.

The Committee of Correspondence made report on divers communications from Grand Lodges, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred communications from the following Grand Lodges, to wit:

From the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, inclosing a copy of their general Regulations, and extracts from Proceedings of 1802.

From the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island of November 20th, 1802, and February, 1804, inclosing a copy of their regulations.

From the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire of July 28th, 1803.

From the Grand Lodge of England of March 2d, 1803, and June 1st, 1803.

From the Grand Lodge of Kentucky of December 2d, 1803, and April 23d, 1804, inclosing three different copies of Proceedings.

From the Grand Lodge of Maryland of May 9th and November 14th, 1803.

From the Grand Lodge of Quebec of January 1st, 1804 (Lower Canada).

From the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia of April 10th, 1804, and

From the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts of January 31st, 1804.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined all these communications, and found them to contain annual returns of Grand Officers, local resolutions, and that friendly and useful correspondence which should always be attended to by Grand Lodges. Also Regulations, whose variations in some particulars from those of your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, do not in the opinion of your committee claim at present your attention, especially as a grand convention is contemplated.

They contain also evident proofs of the respectability and increase of the ancient Craft, which must be very satisfactory to every true Mason.

(Signed) JAMES MILNOR,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
ROBERT LEWIS.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3d, 1804.

This report was accepted, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge returned to the Committee of Correspondence for the attention paid to the duties of their appointment.

A communication from Lodge No. 3, held in this city, inclosing a printed list of members of Lodge No. 21, held at Harrisburg, read on the 25th of June last, was again read. It appeared by said list of members of Lodge No. 21 that Brother Vincent Ducomb, a member of said Lodge No. 3, is returned as an honorary member of said Lodge No. 21, whereupon,

Resolved, That a Mason cannot be a member of any more than one Lodge at the same time.

The warrant of Lodge No. 104, having been prepared by the Grand Secretary, was signed by the Grand Officers in open Grand Lodge, and Brother Ramsey, the Master in said warrant named, being present, was installed and recognized as Master of said Lodge No. 104.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th March, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 19, 41, 43, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 75, 77, 87, 91, 100.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that he had lately been at the town of Washington, Washington County, in this State. That Lodge No. 54, held at that place, had been disunited, and had not had any meetings for about four years past. That he had directed the Lodge to be convened, and that they had again commenced their labors with great zeal, and promise fair to become a very flourishing Lodge.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d June, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 45, 47, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 87, 91.

Petition of Lodge No. 81, held at Germantown, praying for permission to form a procession on St. John's Day next, and inviting the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge to honor them with their presence, was read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Petition was read praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at the house of David Smith in Bloom Township, Northumberland County, and that James Peterman might be named Master, and William Park and Andrew Schooley, Wardens of the same; which petition not being recommended agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, ordered that the same lie on the table.

Petition was read from a certain Andrew Crouse, stating that he had been regularly Entered, Passed and Raised, in Holland, from whence he had come to America in 1786. That he had applied to Lodge No. 21, to be admitted as a visitor, but was refused. That he afterwards petitioned said Lodge to be initiated therein [to wit: in autumn 1803], and was rejected, and therefore prayed the Grand Lodge for relief in the premises.

A letter [dated 18th May, 1805], from the Officers of Lodge No. 21, was thereupon read. It stated that it had been intimated to them that said Andrew Crouse intended to address the Grand Lodge on the subject of his rejection; they therefore communicate that said Crouse would be no honor to Masonry. That he is a bad neighbor, and quarrelsome man. That the proceedings on his petition had been regular, and that upon being ballotted for he had been black-balled.

A letter from Bro. William Patten, Master of Lodge No. 101, held at Palmstown, dated 24th of April last, was read. It informed that for want of a seal [which was not then finished] they had omitted making their returns, but that they expected their seal shortly, when their returns, etc., should be made out and transmitted.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That meetings of Lodges on a Sunday should be dispensed with altogether.

Grand General Communication, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 24th June, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 93, 96.

A petition from divers Brethren, inhabitants of Zanesville and its vicinity, in Muskingum County, Ohio, was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Zanesville, aforesaid, to be called "The Lodge of Amity," and that Bro. Lewis Cass might be named Master, Bro. William Smyth Senior Warden, and Bro. Seth Fuller Junior Warden of the same.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 105.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d September, A. L. 5805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 71, 72, 81, 91, 94, 100, 102.

A letter was presented and read from Peter Arell Browne, a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 91, inclosing an order in favor of this Grand Lodge for $150, as a donation from him, to be applied to charitable purposes. Whereupon it was

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Bro. Browne for the same.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th November, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 91, 93, 96, 100.

A letter from the S. W. of Lodge No. 92 was read, which stated that an extra Lodge had been called to receive the petitions of two applicants, and that at their next stated Lodge night, but eight days after receiving the petition, they had been accepted and were initiated; that some of the members were doubtful as to the propriety of such proceeding, and requested the Grand Secretary to give them information on the subject.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had written the S. W. that such proceedings were wrong, and had referred him to the parts of the Ahiman Rezon respecting the same.

An address from the Officers of Lodge No. 100 was received, which set forth that they had been informed that an application was to be made for a warrant for a Lodge to meet in Bloom Township, Northumberland County, at or near Nob Mountain (being the petition presented and read in Grand Lodge on 3d June last), to which they entered their objections:

1st. That Lodge No. 100 were but eleven in number at that time, and most of them but new in Masonry, on which account they had scarcely a sufficient choice at elections.

2d. That said Lodge is indebted to individuals for money ad-

vanced for the warrant and other articles belonging to the Lodge, and that if two of their members (who are petitioners for the new Lodge) should withdraw their numbers would be lessened, and would perhaps prevent some others from joining them:

Therefore, hoping that the Grand Lodge would take their objections into due consideration, and not grant a warrant for holding a Lodge so near as to injure Lodge No. 100, which they think would be for the good of Masonry at this time.

On consideration was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion made and seconded, Bros. Poalk and Cave were appointed a committee to inquire and report to this Grand Lodge the reason why Doct^r Stewart, some time since, refused to receive an object recommended to the Philadelphia Dispensary by Bro. Ebenezer Ferguson, who was at that time one of the recommenders appointed by this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Building Committee be authorized to inquire whether the lot adjoining to the lot whereon the Hall of this Grand Lodge is erected on the south, and which is offered for sale, can be purchased at a reasonable price, and that the said committee be authorized to contract for the purchase of the same for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Bro. Ebenezer Ferguson having some time since withdrawn from Lodge No. 19, whereof he was a member, and Bro. Robert Jackson having lately withdrawn from Lodge No. 59, of which Lodge he had been a member, their places in the Building Committees, of course, have become vacant; therefore, on motion made and seconded, the following Brethren were appointed to fill the said vacancies, to wit: Bro. James Rolph, of No. 19, in the room of Bro. Ferguson, and Bro. John P. Hood, of No. 59, in the room of Bro. Jackson.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d December, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. ISRAEL ISRAEL, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 33, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 75, 76, 81, 91, 93, 100.

The following Brethren were thereupon duly elected in ancient form, to wit:

Bro. James Milnor, Esq.,		R. W. Grand Master.
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq.,	re-elected,	R. W. Dy. G. Master.
" Robert Lewis,		R. W. Sr. G. Warden.
" Robert Poalk,	re-elected,	R. W. Jr. G. Warden.
" George A. Baker,	"	R. W. G. Secretary.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esq.,	"	R. W. G. Treasurer.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, 11th December, A. D. 1805.

Present: Brother ROBERT FULLEN, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, G. M. P. T.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 87, 91.

The petition of Samuel Hampton was read. It requested that his certificate from Lodge No. 19, which was directed to be retained by the Grand Secretary when he was expelled the Society of Masons, by this Grand Lodge, might be returned to him, which said petition was rejected.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand General Communication, St. John's Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 27th December, A. D. 1805.

Present: Bro. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq., R. W. D. G. Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 41, 47, 50, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 85, 91.

The following Grand Officers were installed:

Bro. James Milnor, Esqr,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Frederick Wolbert, Esqr,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Lewis,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esqr,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Thomas Rayner,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Joseph Cloud,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev[d] Bro[r] Doct[r] John Andrews,	Grand Chaplains.
" " " William Rogers,	
" " " George Potts,	
Bro. Thomas Cave,	Grand Stewards.
" John Phillips,	
" Andrew Wilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Thomas Proctor,	Grand Marshal.
" Cadwallader Griffith,	Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder,	Grand Tyler.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	Committee of Correspondence.
" Robert Lewis,	
" Thomas Hennessy,	
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	Committee of Accounts.
" Thomas Hennessy,	
" Thomas Shoemaker,	
" John Uhle,	Hall Committee.
" James Rolph,	
" John Sweeney,	
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq[r], for the Northern Liberties,	Recommenders of objects to the Dispensary.
" Israel Israel, Esq[r], for the City,	
" Robert Hill, for Southwark,	
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq.,	Committee to examine the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges, as the same shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.
" Robert Pullen,	
" Robert Poalk,	

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d March, A. D. 1806.

Present: Brother FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 41, 45, 47, 50, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 87, 91, 100.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying that a warrant might be granted for holding a Lodge at Williamsport, County of

Lycoming, in Pennsylvania, and that Brother William Hepburn might be named Master, Bro. James Davidson Senior Warden, and Bro. Samuel Coleman Junior Warden of the same, which petition being duly recommended according to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the same be numbered 106.

A letter from Lodge No. 61, held at Wilkesbarre, dated the 25th January last, was read. It stated that an application had been presented from Thomas Graham, Esq., to become a member, but that some objections had been made on account of his having but one hand, therefore requesting information and direction from the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence write to the said Lodge, No. 61, informing them that the said person, under said circumstances, cannot be admitted.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the situation of Masonry in general, and report, if any, and if any what, alterations are necessary to promote the welfare and good of the institution.

Resolved, That the appointment of the said committee be postponed.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th April, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr, R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 41, 47, 51, 59, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 77, 87, 91, 96.

Resolved, That the Committee on Correspondence be discharged from making the communication to Lodge No. 61, respecting Thomas Graham, Esq., which they were directed to make by a resolution of this Grand Lodge of the 3d ultimo, and that the said communication be made to said Lodge, No. 61, by the Grand Secretary.

A letter from the W. M. of Lodge No. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County, dated 29th November last, was read. It requested certain information respecting the opening of a Mark Lodge, and making Mark Masons. Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the Regulations of the Grand Royal

Arch Chapter to the W. Master of Lodge No. 70, referring him thereto, for the desired information.

A letter from Bro. Isaac Van Horne, dated Zanesville (Ohio), 9th March last, respecting Warrant No. 105, granted for Zanesville on St. John's Day in June last, was read, and is in the words following:

"G. A. Baker, Grand Secretary.

"Dear Brother: Your letter to Bro. Wm. Smyth is the first intimation we have had of the R. W. Grand Lodge granting a warrant to hold a Lodge at this place, or of the cause of its detention, or we should have long since have taken the necessary steps to procure it and organize the Lodge. Herewith is inclosed seventy-one dollars, the amount stated in your letter for that and the Dispensation. I am, however, requested by the Brethren here, to state that the additional charge for reimbursing the expenses of erecting the Masonic Hall in Philadelphia, was unexpected, and as a majority of them are and have heretofore been under the jurisdiction of different Lodges, they entertain a hope that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will take their case into consideration and remit that part of the charge. Considering that we are few in number, and the difficulties and privations attendant on the settlement of a new country to struggle with, we humbly conceive the R. W. Grand Lodge will see a propriety in granting the relief prayed for, and suffer that part of the money to be appropriated towards Jewels and Tools to carry on our work. I have it also in charge to state, that owing to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable Lodge Room, a latitude to meet either on the Zanesville or Springfield side of the river would be extremely desirable. Your friendly aid and attention to those objects will confer the highest obligation on those your Brethren in the West. If the R. W. G. Lodge should remit the additional charge, permit us to ask the favor of you in conjunction with Bro. Israel to procure the necessary jewels, and forward them and the warrant and dispensation by the first favorable opportunity to Zanesville.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my sincere regard.

(Signed) "Isaac Van Horne."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the request concerning the remitting a part of the price of the warrant and dispensation cannot be granted.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 105 have permission to meet either on the Zanesville or Springfield side of the river.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That in consideration of Lodge No. 105, in a new country, and the consequent difficulties remaining to be encountered by them, this Grand Lodge do present said Lodge, No. 105, with a set of Jewels, and that the Grand Secretary forward them a set of the Jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge, which have been received from Lodges which have ceased; but that if there shall not be any Jewels on hand belonging to the Grand Lodge, that then the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a set for the said Lodge, No. 105, and forward them.

The consideration of the proceedings concerning the delinquent Lodges, postponed on the 11th December last, was resumed.

Thereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the warrants of the following Lodges be vacated, and that the Grand Secretary demand a surrender of the warrants, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of the said Lodges, agreeably to the 26th article of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, viz.:

Lodge, No. 31, held at Norristown.
" " 41, " " Portsmouth, Virginia.
" " 46, " " Ephrata, Lancaster Co.
" " 47, " " Port au Prince.
" " 48, " " Bedford.
" " 55, " in the town of Huntingdon.
" " 57, " at New Town, Bucks Co.
" " 63, " " Lewistown, Delaware State.
" " 74, " in the town of Concord, Franklin Co.
" " 76, " " the town of Newville, Cumberland Co.
" " 78, " " the old Mingo Towns in the Northwestern Territory.
" " 87, " at the Cape in the Island of St. Domingo.
" " 88, " " St. Marc, " " " "
" " 89, " " Aux Cayes, Du Fond de l'Isle à Vaches.
" " 95, " " Luse à Veau, " "
" " 97, " " St. Domingo, " "
" " 98, " " Abricots, " "
" " 99, " " Arcahàze, " "

Resolved, That the warrant of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo be vacated, said Provincial Grand Lodge having ceased by reason of the disturbances in that island.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d June, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., R. W. G. Master *pro tem.*

Bro. William Ball, Esq.,
" Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., } R. W. Past Grand Masters.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 50, 52, 59, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 91, 92, 93, 96, 100.

The return to a dispensation, granted by the late R. W. Grand Master on the 24th September last, directed to Bro. James Edgar, authorizing him to open and hold a Lodge at Kaskaskia, in the Indian Territory, in the United States, for the term of six months, from the date of said dispensation, was read.

Also a letter from Bro. Edgar, dated 14th April last, respecting their proceedings under said dispensation, and also a petition from Bro. Edgar and divers other Brothers, who had been members of said Lodge, held under the aforesaid dispensation, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Kaskaskia aforesaid, to be called the Western Star Lodge, and that Bro. James Edgar might be named Master, Bro. Michael Jones Senior Warden, and Bro. James Galbraith Junior Warden of the same.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and the same be numbered 107.

A petition was read from Lodge No. 50, held at the sign of the White Horse, Chester County, praying for an extension of their limits from five to seven miles. After consideration the said petition was withdrawn by the W. Master of Lodge No. 50.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 91, 100.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 23d April last, respecting the establishing a superintending Grand Lodge of America, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

[Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of England, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Maryland, and Kentucky, containing the names of those rejected, expelled, and suspended, in the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodges.]

A letter from Bro. William Smyth, dated Zanesville, April 28th last, was read, returning thanks in behalf of himself and the rest of the Brethren, petitioners for warrant No. 105, for the present of Jewels voted them by the Grand Lodge.

Grand General Communication.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, 24th June, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 12, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 84, 91.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st September, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 14, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 91, 100.

A communication from the late Lodge, No. 88, lately held at St. Marc, in the island of St. Domingo, was read and referred to the Committee of Correspondence to examine and report thereon.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Committee of

Correspondence consider the expediency or inexpediency of reinstating the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo, and that they report without delay.

A communication from Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, Virginia, dated the 2d ultimo, was read. It communicated the determination of that Lodge to withdraw from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and place itself under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, within which jurisdiction the said Lodge is held, and desired instruction how to proceed in order to effectuate the object they have in contemplation.

On motion, the same was referred to the Committee of Correspondence, to examine and report thereon.

An Election Return of Lodge No. 14, held at Wilmington, of June last, also return of members and accounts of Grand Lodge dues, was received and read.

Also a letter dated Wilmington, Delaware, 19th August last, from Edward Roche, styling himself Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, inclosing a copy of their Proceedings and Rules and Regulations, was read. And on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the same, as also the said returns from Lodge No. 14, be referred to Bros. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens Duplessis, Passmore and Hennessy, to examine and report thereon.

A petition from sundry Brethren, formerly members of Lodge No. 78, and others associated with them, was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania:

"The petition of the subscribers, formerly members of Lodge No. "78, of the Old Mingo Town and others associated with them, hum-"bly showeth, that, feeling an anxious solicitude to enjoy the benefits "of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted "Masons, of which we are at present deprived, by the vacation of "the warrant of our former Lodge, the restoration of which to "favor is the object of the prayer of this our petition, in order "that the R. W. Grand Lodge may have a complete view of the "subject, we beg leave to state the following facts for their con-"sideration. The warrant of Lodge No. 78 bears date the 4th

"of March, 1799, and directed to the Old Mingo Towns, North-
"western Territory, but the Lodge was always held at Charlestown,
"Brooke County, in the State of Virginia, under the rule that a
"Lodge may always be held within five miles of the place to which
"the warrant is directed. During the two first years the Lodge
"meetings were regularly held, and we had a good prospect of a firm
"establishment of our Fraternity, but unfortunately for us, owing
"to some personal differences among the members, several withdrew
"and have never since returned. During the two succeeding years
"removals of the Brethren from the town took place to such an
"amount that there were but two members of the Lodge left in it,
"the Brethren who lived in the neighboring towns and in the country
"found attendance inconvenient, so that for upwards of two years
"past we have had no meetings, and in the meantime, to complete
"the list of our misfortunes, our Treasurer died in the State of Ken-
"tucky, and with him went our little Treasury, which however was
"more than sufficient to discharge our dues to the Grand Lodge,
"he left nothing behind by means of which the Lodge might be re-
"funded the money which he had in his hands belonging to them,
"and they had taken no security of him. The former Master, who
"is one of your petitioners on this occasion, freely confesses his neg-
"ligence in not corresponding with the Grand Lodge, as his duty
"required, at the same time he must say, that a correspondence was
"all that was in his power without bearing the whole expense him-
"self. Should your Right Worshipful Lodge think proper to grant
"our request, it is our wish that the Lodge should be held at Steu-
"benville, in Jefferson County, State of Ohio, which is only three
"miles from the Old Mingo Towns and in the same State.

"We humbly hope the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will ask
"no more of us than the payment of the individual dues of those
"of the former Lodge who join in this petition, and who are five in
"number; payment from those who do not join with us on the
"present occasion we cannot compel, and need not ask. Should the
"prayer of the petition be granted, we nominate the Reverend Doc-
"tor Joseph Doddridge for Master, Thomas Thompson for Senior
"Warden, and Benjamin Hough, Esq., for Junior Warden. The
"R. W. Master of the Washington Lodge in Pennsylvania, No.
"54, will no doubt upon request perform the ceremony of instal-

"lation for us. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever "pray, &c.

"Members of Lodge No. 78.	JOSEPH DODDRIDGE,	J. WILSON,
"	ZACHEUS BIGGS,	J. JENKINSON,
"	SAMP^{n} J. KING,	AMOS WILSON,
"	ZACH^{s} A. BEATTY,	THOMAS THOMPSON,
"	JOSEPH LEWIS.	OBADIAH JENNINGS,
"		BNENJ^{n} HOUGH,
"		DAV^{d} HOGE,
"		JOHN JACKSON,
"		THOS. NICHOLSON.

"STEUBENVILLE, August 5th, 1806."

Which said petition was referred to Bro^{s} Senior and Junior Grand Wardens Duplessis, Passmore, and Hennessy, to examine and report thereon.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 15th September, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esqr, R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 91, 93, 100.

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred General Communications from the late Provincial Grand Master of St. Domingo and from the late Lodges No. 88 and 98 made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom were referred sun-"dry communications from Lodge La Concorde, No. 88, presented "by the R. W. Grand Master and Bro^{r} Le Barbier Duplessis, also a "letter from the R. W. Mathieu Dupatel, late Provincial Grand "Master in the island of St. Domingo, and an address and petition "from the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge La Persever-"ance, No. 98, late at Abricots in the island of St. Domingo, pre-"sented by Bro^{r} Duplessis, beg leave to report.

"That they have taken the whole in their serious consideration, "and find that a considerable number of Brethren, members of the "different Lodges under your jurisdiction at St. Domingo, having "had the good fortune to escape from the hands of the Blacks, had "taken refuge in the Spanish island of Cuba, as well as several other "Masons, which gave room to frequent private committees and clan-"destine makings to scandal and abuses of all kinds. That the "good Masons were exasperated at such conducts, and applied at "several times to the R. W. Mathieu Dupatel, late Provincial "Grand Master of St. Domingo, who was at Baracoa in the said "island with several members of the said Provincial Grand Lodge, "informing him of what was doing every day, and requested he "would, by virtue of his authority and powers, grant warrants for "new Lodges or Dispensations to open the Lodges late from St. Do-"mingo, whose officers were then at St. Yago, pleading the absolute "necessity to put an end to the said scandals and irregularities, by "giving to true Masons a central point to unite themselves in, and "establishing a tribunal that might judge and punish the guilty, or "at least give them an opportunity to return and follow the paths "of wisdom and virtue.

"That the said R. W. Mathieu Dupatel, though convinced that "his authority and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo "had been superseded by the removal from that island, as well as "the subordinate warrants, yielding to the imperiousness of circum-"stances, and convinced that the establishment of a Lodge at St. "Yago was the only means to put a stop to those evils, and to render "to Masonry those advantages it would otherwise have lost by the "confusion and anarchy wherein it had fallen in that city, thought "proper and even indispensable to submit the whole to a Grand "Committee he called for the purpose at Baracoa, aforesaid, on the "6th of August, 5805, and the result of their deliberations was that "for the reasons above stated under the most imperious circum-"stances, and in order to promote the respectability and advance-"ment of the Order, they resolved to authorize our Worthy Brother "Morel de Guizamond, Master of Lodge La Concorde No. 88, to "open the said Lodge until further orders, conforming themselves "to General Regulations of Masonry and those of the Grand Lodge "of Pennsylvania.

"That the said Lodge was by virtue of the said authorization

"opened at St. Yago, and have since proceeded to their works with "that regularity and zeal which are the characteristics of Free Ma-"sons; and that they pray the R. Worshipful Grand Lodge to sanc-"tion their works and the continuance thereof.

"Your committee are sensible that the powers of the Provincial "Grand Master and Grand Lodge had absolutely ceased, but they "are of opinion that the conduct and interference of the R. W. G. "Master and other members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. "Domingo, to save Masonry from disgrace in a country where the "people are already so much prepossessed against it, and at a time "when the most imperious necessity commanded an immediate "remedy, are laudable, and deserve the approbation and thanks of "this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee offer the following resolutions:

"*Resolved,* That so much of the resolutions of the R. W. Grand "Lodge of the 7th April last past, as vacates the Provincial Grand "Lodge of St. Domingo and the warrant of Lodge No. 88, be re-"scinded.

"*Resolved,* That the powers and jurisdiction of the Provincial "Grand Master and Grand Lodge, late of St. Domingo, be extended "to the island of Cuba, over the Lodges formerly constituted at St. "Domingo aforesaid, until the further orders of this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge do sanction and confirm the "Proceedings of Lodge La Concorde, No. 88, since the 6th of Au-"gust, 5805.

"*Resolved,* That the address and petition of Lodge La Persever-"ance, No. 98, and the complaint of Lodge No. 88, against them, "be referred to the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Lodge "aforesaid.

(Signed) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
"Robert Lewis,
"Thos. Hennessy.

"Philadelphia, Sept. 15th, 5806."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the said resolutions be taken up separately.

The first of the said resolutions being read and considered was unanimously adopted.

The second of the said resolutions being read and considered was unanimously adopted.

The third resolution being read and considered was unanimously adopted.

The fourth resolution being read and considered was unanimously adopted.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence transmit copies of the said Report and Proceedings to the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo and Cuba, to Lodge No. 88.

The committee to whom was referred the returns from Lodge No. 14 made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The committee to whom were referred the papers presented to "the R. W. G. Lodge at their last Grand Communication on the "First Instant, by Bro. Archibald Hamilton, Junior Warden of "Lodge No. 14, at Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, beg leave "to report.

"That they have considered the same, and find that on the sixth "day of June last an election was held in the said Lodge and the "following Brethren were elected, to wit: Thomas Stockton, W. "Master; John Hedrick, Senr Warden; Archibald Hamilton, Junr "Warden; William P. Wright, Secretary, and William Clark, Mer-"chant Treasurer; and that said return was signed by Thomas "Stockton, W. Master of said Lodge No. 14. It is accompanied "by two Returns of members from the commencement of said Lodge, "being the First of January, 5789, to St. John's Day, June the "24th, 5806, and signed Thomas Stockton, Master of Lodge No. "14, &c. There are also two sheets of an account of Grand Lodge "dues from June 1st, 5804, to St. John's Day, June 25th, 5806, a "total amount whereof is $145.$\frac{36}{100}$, etc. Those two accounts are "dated July 14th, 5806, and signed Thomas Stockton, Master of "Washington Lodge No. 1, &c.

"Your committee observe that the returns of members are from "January 1st, 5789, and the accounts of dues are only from June "1st, 5804, to June 24th, 5806, which makes above fifteen years not "accounted for. That Bro. Grand Secretary has informed your "committee that on the 2d of July, 1781, the sum of £5.19 was

"paid by the said Lodge, and is the only payment ever made by "them. That said Lodge, No. 14, have been regularly notified by "the Grand Secretary as one of the delinquent Lodges, but that "regardless of such notification, and of their most sacred duty to "this R. W. Grand Lodge, they have neglected to comply therewith.

"Your committee observe further, that Bro. Archibald Hamilton, "the representative of that Lodge, having on the day aforesaid of-"fered the sum of fifty dollars in full of their dues, in open Grand "Lodge, and finding that several members objected to it, expressly "did declare that those were the only terms he was authorized to "offer, and unless this Grand Lodge would accept of them Lodge "No. 14 considered themselves independent of this Grand Lodge, "because Lodge No. 14 was no more, as they had taken a warrant "from another Grand Lodge in the State of Delaware, by the name "of Washington Lodge No. 1, which is clearly proved by the signa-"ture at the foot of the accounts.

"Your committee are of opinion that agreeably to ancient usages "Lodge No. 14 should have informed the Right Worshipful Grand "Lodge of their intention to decline their jurisdiction, by super-"seding their warrant, and should have settled their dues, indis-"pensably requisite, to enable them to obtain a warrant from any "regular Grand Lodge.

"Your committee, therefore, propose the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the returns and other papers from Lodge No. 14 "have not been presented in a manner consistent with that respect "due from a subordinate Lodge to this R. W. Grand Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That the offer of fifty dollars, made by their Junior "Warden, was so unbecoming and derogatory to the dignity of this "Grand Lodge, that it cannot be accepted.

"*Resolved*, That the warrant of Lodge No. 14, for the reasons be-"fore mentioned, be vacated. That the Grand Secretary transmit "a copy of these proceedings to all the Grand Lodges throughout "the United States.

"(Signed), ROBERT LEWIS,
"ROBERT POALK,
"P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
"THOMAS PASSMORE,
"THOMAS HENNESSY."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the said resolutions be taken up separately.

The first of said resolutions was taken up and read, and unanimously adopted.

The second resolution was then read, and on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the following words be inserted after the word: Junior Warden, to wit: *a sum, so far below the dues owing from Lodge No.* 14, *was unbecoming in that Lodge to offer, and derogatory to the dignity and rights of this Grand Lodge to accept.*

The third of the said resolutions was read, and on motion unanimously adopted.

The committee to whom was referred a letter from Brother Edward Roche, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The committee to whom were referred a letter from Brother Edward Roche styling himself Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and a pamphlet entitled "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware," directed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report, that they have considered the said letter and proceedings with the attention the importance of the subject requires, and find,

That on the sixth day of June last, a meeting was held at the Town Hall, in the borough of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, composed of nine brethren, said to represent Lodges No. 31, Laurel Town, Sussex County; No. 33, New Castle, New Castle County; No. 96, Newark, New Castle County, and No. 14, Wilmington, New Castle County; that they resolved unanimously, "That the "several lodges of Ancient Masons in the State of Delaware, there "represented by deputies, properly authorized, consider it as a mat- "ter of right, and for the general benefit of Masonry, that they ought "to form a Grand Lodge within the said State, and now do proceed "to form and organize themselves into a Grand Lodge accordingly, "to be known and distinguished by the name of The Grand Lodge "of Delaware."

"That they appoint a committee of five of them to prepare a set "of regulations for the government of that Grand Lodge, and report "the next Grand Communication thereof: and adjourned to meet at "the same place the next day at nine o'clock. That on the next

"day the seventh of June, they met, twelve in number, proceeded to "the appointment of Grand Officers P. T., and thereupon [without "any previous installation, etc.] opened the Grand Lodge of Dela- "ware, *in due form and solemnity, according to the ancient usages of "Masonry.*"

"That the proceedings *of the Grand Communication of Lodges,* "*Nos.* 31, 33, 96, *and* 14, as above said, were read, approved, con- "firmed and ratified. That the committee report a set of regulations, "which were read, amended, unanimously ratified, and confirmed. "That they resolved, That warrants issue under the authority of "that Grand Lodge, as of *that date,* to the several Lodges within "that State, to wit: To No. 14, a warrant, under the title of Washing- "ton Lodge at Wilmington, No. 1. To No. 33, a warrant under the "title of Lodge at New Castle, No. 2. To No. 96, a war- "rant, under the title of the Hiram Lodge at Newark, No. 3. To "No. 31, a warrant under the title of Hope Lodge at Laurel Town, "Sussex County, No. 4, without any charge, save the Secretary's fees "for executing the same."

That the said Grand Lodge proceeded agreeably to regulation to vote by ballot for Grand Officers (the Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler were also elected). That they resolved that the Grand Secretary cause to be printed 200 copies of the whole of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and transmit to each Grand Lodge in the United States, and Lodges within that State, and to every member of the Grand Lodge one copy thereof with a letter of address, etc.

That the Deputy Grand Master was installed, and also the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Marshal

That they appointed a committee of *five past Masters to instal the absent members elect of the Grand Lodge when convenient, any three of whom may act therein.*

That the Grand Lodge was closed to meet again at Dover on the third Monday in January next, unless sooner convened on some emergency.

Your committee have also examined the regulations contained in the said pamphlet, and find that besides many irregularities the seventh section of Art. II. contains the following: "The Grand Master, Deputy G. M. and G. Wardens shall severally, at the time of their installation, make the following declaration: '*I solemnly promise upon the honor of a Mason that in the office of I will,*

according to my best abilities, strictly comply with the laws and regulation of this Grand Lodge and all other Ancient Masonic usages.'"

Your committee are conscious that the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would see with pleasure a Grand Lodge established in a sister State whereby Masonry would be highly benefited, the work of the Lodges would be better superintended, and the mode of working would become more uniform; but such Grand Lodge, before it can be acknowledged, must be regularly established agreeably to the ancient usages handed to us from so many ages which we are all bound to support.

Your committee are sensible that five Lodges at least are indispensably necessary to form themselves into a Grand Lodge; and the regular proceedings in that case, if not sufficiently known by the brethren, can be easily obtained from the officers and members of any Grand Lodge. Every subordinate Lodge must know that previous to their withdrawing from the jurisdiction of their mother Grand Lodge they should apply to them, settle their dues, and impart to them their intentions and motives in order to part from them in a brotherly manner, obtain the necessary information and assistance, which is never refused.

Your committee see with pain that of the four Lodges who have so irregularly endeavored to form themselves into a Grand Lodge, three, to wit: Nos. 14, 33, and 96, were, at the time of the proceedings afore-mentioned, working under warrants from your R. W. Grand Lodge, that they have not settled their dues, which must be considerable, and have not given the least notice of their intentions and doings.

Your committee would not do justice to their own feelings, and would be wanting in their duty and respect to the R. W. Grand Lodge, were they to dwell any longer on the so many striking irregularities and want of knowledge displayed throughout the proceedings analyzed in the present report. They beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge cannot recognize the pretended Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware, nor any other Grand Lodge, until the brethren have formed themselves in that regular manner pointed out by the ancient constitutions, and agreeably to the known usages of Masons.

Resolved, That the warrants of Lodges Nos. 14, 33, and 96 have

been superseded by their joining in the establishment of the said pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware, and that the same be vacated.

(Signed), ROBERT LEWIS,
ROBERT POALK,
P. LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS,
THOMAS PASSMORE,
THOMAS HENNESSY.

PHILADELPHIA, September 15th, 5806.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, that the said resolutions be taken up separately. The first of which resolutions being read and considered was adopted unanimously.

The second resolution being read and considered was adopted unanimously.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 20th October, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 91.

A letter from R. W. Grand Master to the Grand Secretary, dated this day, was read, and is as follows, to wit:

"SIR: As it is impossible for me to attend the R. W. Grand Lodge this evening, I beg you to suggest to the brethren that it is my wish that, after transacting the business of this evening, there should be another adjournment to some evening previous to the next stated meeting.

"Yours, fraternally,

"JAMES MILNOR, G. M.

"October 20th, 1806."

A commission from the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, directed to all the Grand Lodges and all Subordinate Lodges within the United States, dated at Portsmouth the 15th September last, appointing the Rev. Bro. George Richards (who is now in the city of Philadelphia), a member of the said Grand Lodge, to receive lectures and other instructions in the theory and practice of the royal art, and on the part of the said Grand Lodge of New Hamp-

shire, if requested to exemplify the Prestonian lectures in all degrees as established by the said Grand Lodge, and to answer all such queries as may tend to the improvement of the craft, abolish the distinctions of ancient and modern Masons, and unite Columbian Masons in one uniform mode of lecturing and working, was read and referred to the R. W. Grand Master.

A letter (dated Zanesville, 23d September last) from Bro. Isaac Van Horn was read; it stated that the dispensation directed to him to constitute Lodge No. 105 had not been received by him until after the time limited therein had expired, that considering the uncertainty of a good conveyance and the delay which would have been occasioned by not acting under said dispensation, it had been thought advisable under all the circumstances to proceed with the installation, and submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge, whether in that case they would not give it their sanction, that he had, therefore, constituted the said Lodge as appears by the return thereof, endorsed on the said dispensation, and, by the desire of the Lodge, requested the Grand Lodge to sanction the said proceedings.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said proceedings respecting the constituting of Lodge No. 105 under the aforesaid dispensation be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 3d November, A. D. 1806.

Present: JAMES MILNOR, ESQ., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91.

The R. W. Grand Master, to whom were referred the documents of Bro. George Richards, of New Hamsphire, reported, in conformity to his duty, that he has had several conferences with Bro. Richards, of whose character and respectability as a man and a Mason he has been well assured, both by his official testimonials and other satisfactory evidence. Brother Richards is a very experienced and scientific Mason, and has employed great zeal and industry united with uncommon capability in improving the work of the craft in the State where he resides. In consequence of his distinguished

merit, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, being informed of his intention of visiting this city, gave him a commission, the only object of which was to obtain for him among the brethren the friendly attention he was entitled to, and to enable him to receive and impart useful masonic information.

The Grand Master is happy to say that he has derived sensible profit and delight from his communications with Bro. Richards, and greatly regrets that his avocations have so soon required his return, as it was his purpose, had opportunity served, to have given the brethren generally the pleasure of hearing his valuable and useful lectures. It is expected, however, he will return to this city the ensuing spring, when the Grand Master trusts some important advantages may arise from Bro. Richards's assistance in establishing stated lectures, and otherwise rendering our work more uniform and perfect.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st December, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 71, 72, 73, 77, 91.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of officers. The undernamed Brethren were severally re-elected to the following offices, to wit:

Bro. James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Frederick Wolbert,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Lewis,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 12th December, A. D. 1806.

Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. Grand Warden, in the Chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 52, 59, 67, 70, 77, 88, 91.

Grand Lodge adjourned at 8 o'clock P.M., to the first Monday in January next, at 6 o'clock P.M.

Grand General Communication.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 27th December, A. D. 1806.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.
" JONATHAN B. SMITH, R. W. Past Grand Master.
" WILLIAM BALL, Esq., R. W. Past Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100.

So much of the minutes of the last Grand Quarterly Communication, as relates to the election of Grand Officers, was read.

Whereupon, the R. W. Grand Officers-elect were severally installed in their respective offices, in ancient form, to wit:

Bro. James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Frederick Wolbert, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Lewis,	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Thomas Armstrong, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Bro. Thomas Rayner,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" William L. Sonntag,	Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. Dr. John Andrews,	Grand Chaplains.
" Bro. Dr. Wm. Rogers,	
" Bro. Dr. George Potts,	

Bro. Thomas Cave,	Grand Stewards.
" John Phillips,	
" Andrew Wilson,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis,	Grand Marshal.
" Cadwallader Griffith,	Grand Pursuivant.
" William Snyder,	Grand Tyler.

The Committee appointed to renew or repair the Jewels, Aprons, etc., of the Grand Officers, made report which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee appointed to renew the Jewels, Aprons, etc., of the Grand Officers, beg leave to report:

"That, considering that the R. W. Grand Master mentioned his intention and wish, to attend as soon as possible the visitation of the Lodges, and considering that the Jewels, Orders, and Aprons aforesaid, could by no means be used on such occasion, your Committee, for the above reason, and with the approbation of the R. W. Grand Master, have procured six aprons, six hangings, and have got the jewels gilt over, which they hope will be agreeable to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

"Your Committee would beg the Grand Lodge to give them such directions as they will think proper concerning the aprons, etc.

"(Signed) P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
J. Ralph."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the said Committee for what they have done, and that they be continued.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said Committee be requested to procure silk aprons and appropriate jewels for the following officers of this Grand Lodge, to wit: Aprons and Jewels for the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, and Grand Pursuivant.

A report of Lodge No. 107 having been duly constituted on the 13th of September last, indorsed on the dispensation, directed Bro.

Robert Robinson for that purpose, was read and ordered to be filed.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th January, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 22, 45, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91.

The petition of I. Heydenfeld, soliciting a loan from this Grand Lodge, was read and referred to the R. W. D. Grand Master and Bros. Hennessy and Cummins to examine and make report to the Committee on Charity.

A letter from Bro. Thomas, Secretary of Lodge No. 12, Winchester, Virginia, dated 28th October last, on the subject of withdrawing from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as before communicated, and requesting instructions how to proceed.

A petition from Lodge No. 50, praying permission to remove said Lodge (held at the sign of the White Horse, Chester County) to the borough of West Chester, in the said county, and to hold the future meetings of said Lodge thereat, or within five miles thereof, was read. Whereupon,

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Bro. P. Le Barbier Duplessis presented a commission in due form from Lodge No. 103, held at Havanah, appointing him their proxy, and he was recognized as such. He then presented sundry papers from said Lodge, and their late W. Master Bro. Cerneau; also returns of the present officers and members of the said Lodge, fourteen in number. It appears from the said papers, that difficulties of the highest importance had happened in that Lodge. That unworthy Brethren had denounced the Lodge to the Governor of Havanah, and Brother Cerneau had been ordered to quit the island, and was arrived at New York in the beginning of November last with his family. That the worthy Brethren of the said Lodge No.

103, had proceeded to the choice of new officers, agreeably to the communications and returns aforesaid, and were obliged to use the greatest caution in their works, etc. That the Lodge had lost above three thousand dollars by the unfortunate circumstance aforesaid, and our worthy Bro. Cerneau had also met with a heavy loss, by his being obliged to remove with his family, though he had received from the governor every mark of regard that could be expected by the most respectable character, etc., and that the said Bro. Cerneau had, previous to his departure, given to the Brethren the most wholesome advice, and assisted them in reorganizing the said Lodge, which now consists of the most respectable characters of the island.

Bro. Baker, Grand Secretary, communicated, That pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, of the 7th of April last, voting a present of a set of jewels to Lodge No. 105, he had purchased a set, and that by desire of said Lodge, expressed in a letter to him from Bro. William Smyth, dated the 22d October last, he had delivered them to Mr. William Delworth, of Philadelphia, to be forwarded to the Lodge at Zanesville, as appears by the said Delworth's receipt for the same, dated the 11th November, given on said letter.

"The Committee of Correspondence made report, on the communication from Lodge No. 12, respecting their withdrawal from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the communication from Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, in the State of Virginia, dated August 2d, 1806, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same with due attention, and are of opinion, that the reasons therein stated, for their wishing to resign their warrant from this R. W. Grand Lodge, and to take another under the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, are laudable, and perfectly consistent with the true principles of Masonry. Your Committee, under that impression, propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do cordially approve the proceedings of Lodge No. 12, held at Winchester, in Virginia.

"*Resolved*, That the said Lodge have leave to resign their warrant from this Grand Lodge, to take another from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, having previously paid the arrearages that may be now due by them, and sending the said warrant to the Grand Secretary.

(Signed) "P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
Thomas Hennessy.

"Which said report and resolutions were unanimously adopted."

A letter was received from George Green, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

"To the R. W. the Grand Master, Officers, and Members composing the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons for the State of Pennsylvania.

"Gentlemen: I thank you for having appointed a Committee to investigate my complaint against I——— T———, of Lodge No. 71. I trust their report will be consistent with the consciences of honest men, and that you will, of course, act accordingly. The duty which I owe to myself, constrains me to continue my application for the blue certificate which I received from the Grand Lodge of London, which I intrusted to your care, on the third September, 1804. I hope you will be just enough to restore the same, *or, if lost*, to procure one from the same Grand Lodge in lieu thereof. Although you disavow taking any cognizance of the proceedings of a Society of People, called Knights Templar, who meet in one of your rooms, I beg leave to inform you, that they impose upon Masons, and draw them into their society under pretence of its being a high degree of Masonry, and that they are sanctioned by a warrant, given by you to Lodge No. 9. Finding that there is no higher degree of Masonry than the R. A., either the Grand Lodge must be wrong in sanctioning such a Society, or else the warrant gives them *no sanction at all.*

"I am, gentlemen,

"Yours respectfully,

(Signed) "George Green.

"January 5th, 1807."

On consideration the same was referred to the Committee on his former letter.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d February, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges No. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 103.

The appointment of a Committee to take into consideration the situation of Masonry in general, etc., as per resolution of the third March, 1806, was further postponed.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 2d March, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 91, 93, 102, 103.

A petition from divers Brethren was read, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge alternately in the Township of Wysox, and in the Township of Orwell, in the County of Luzerne, in Pennsylvania, to be called Union Lodge, and that Bro. Horatio Grant might be named Master, Amos Mix, Senior Warden, Ebenezer Tuttle, Junior Warden of the same, which petition being recommended by Lodge No. 70, held at Tioga Point, Luzerne County, it was, on motion made and seconded, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Brother Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be numbered 108.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 3d September last, was read. It communicated the expulsion of ——— ———.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of 27th December last, was read. It communicated the expulsion of I——— G———, late of St. George Lodge, No. 19, held at Mangerville, New Brunswick, for non-payment of dues.

A letter from Lodge No. 105, held at Zanesville and Springfield, Ohio, dated 5th February, acknowledging the receipt of the Jewels

presented them by the Grand Lodge, and returning their sincere and hearty thanks to the Grand Lodge for the same, was read.

Committee on Correspondence made a report on divers communications from Grand Lodges referred to them, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom were referred sundry communications from the following Grand Lodges, to wit: The Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, beg leave to report, that they have considered all those communications with all due attention, and find that the communications from the R. W. Grand Lodge of England, of March 7th, June 7th, September 5th, and December 27th, 1804; of March 6th, June 5th, and September 4th, 1805, and of March 5th, 1806, contain only the usual communications of rejections and expulsions, also lists of the Grand Officers. That none of those lists mentioned Grand Deacons, and that a Provincial Grand Lodge was installed at Barbadoes, on the 27th day of December, 1804.

The communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland contains the same as above. The account of the Grand Treasurer with the Grand Lodge, and with the Female Orphan Schools. A paper printed May, 1804, and addressed to the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland, is declared to be a false, malicious, and scandalous libel. They are dated April 27th and September 12th, 1804.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Lower Canada is of June 12th, 1805, and contains only as above, and the list of Lodges, fourteen in number.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, of December 27th, 1804, contains only as above.

The communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, of July 8th, 1805, and June 5th, 1806, contain as above, a list of

Lodges, seventeen in number, the report of the Grand Lecturer, and the Grand Lodge is incorporated for twenty years.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, of March 10th, 1805, and December 27th, 1805, contain as above. There are eighty-one Lodges, the numbers are abolished. There is a resolution to apply for an act of incorporation, so far as to enable the Grand Officers, and their successors, to hold real estate sufficient whereon to erect a hall. The officers re-elected are only reinvested. The Grand Officers are proclaimed by the Grand Marshal. There are District Deputies, and Bro. Benjamin Gleason is appointed Grand Lecturer.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of May 16th, 1805, contains the usual returns as before. There are eighteen Lodges. A motion was made to open a Royal Arch Chapter, the Committee reported against it, and liberty was given a sufficient number of Brethren of that degree, to congregate and open a chapter, give due notice thereof, and having the permission from the R. W. Grand Master.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of May 14th and November 12th, 1804, of May 13th and November 11th, 1805, and of May 12th, 1806, contain the usual returns and lists of Grand Officers. There are District Inspectors, appointed to superintend the mode of working, and see that the ancient landmarks are strictly adhered to, and to report yearly. Their Committee have reported that they are of opinion, that the expense attending the building of a Masonic Hall, including a lot, will not cost less than $10,000, it being necessary to have *a Masonic Hall that will be an honor to the fraternity and an ornament to the city.* The District Deputies and Inspectors for Baltimore and Arundel, have repeated congratulating the Grand Lodge that the ancient usages and landmarks of our venerable order have been in every instance strictly adhered to. The legislature have passed an act, authorizing the drawing of a lottery, to defray the expenses of building a Masonic Hall, and the ground that may be purchased for the purpose aforesaid, together with the buildings and improvements that may be erected thereon, shall, and the same is thereby vested in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to be by them held as property as now held and enjoyed by any corporate body within the State. Their Committee on the circular letter from the Grand Lodge of North Caro-

lina and Tennessee, dated April 23d, 1806, have reported the following resolution.

First. That this Grand Lodge will appoint three delegates to represent them in a convention to be held in the city of Washington, on the 15th day of January, 1808.

Second. That the said delegates be empowered to act upon all and every matter relative to the craft, for and in behalf of this Grand Lodge, as soon as two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the United States are represented in the said Convention.

Third. That the proceedings of said convention shall not be obligatory or carried into effect, until ratified and approved by at least two-thirds of the Grand Lodges in the United States.

Fourth. Resolved that the said convention be authorized to establish a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, if two-thirds of the Lodges shall be represented by Royal Arch Masons, and not otherwise.

Fifth. That the Grand Secretary shall communicate the above resolutions of the Grand Lodge, to all the Grand Lodges in the United States.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of April 13th, 1805, and March 31st, 1806, contain the usual returns, list of Grand Officers, etc. There is a resolution, *that it is highly inexpedient and dangerous to apply to the legislature for any act of incorporation of the Grand Lodge, or of any officers and members thereof, either for general or special purposes.*

The communications from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of September 29th, 1804, and March 19th, 1805, contain the usual returns; list of Grand Officers and of Lodges, nine in number. There is a resolution that it is their decided opinion that *incorporation is unnecessary, and would be dangerous to the existence and prosperity of Masonry.* The Grand Lodge has been opened and proceeded to business, when there *were only three Lodges represented.*

The communication from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee, of 1804 and 1805, and of April 28th, 1806, contain the usual returns, list of Grand Officers, and of Lodges, forty-seven in number. The Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*, and are notified by an order from the Grand Master, to meet when he pleases to direct. There is a circular *proposing a Grand Convention, to meet on the 15th of January, 1808, at the City of Washington, for the purpose of organizing a Superintendent Grand Lodge.*

Your Committee beg leave to respectfully submit to the R. W. Grand Lodge, that of all the aforegoing communications, there are only very few that come within the duty of their appointment. That all communications containing nothing more than the usual returns of Grand Officers, lists of Lodges, expulsions, rejections, etc., should be noticed in the minutes of the day they are presented, the necessary entries made, and the receiving thereof acknowledged by the Grand Secretary.

That the R. W. Grand Lodge have already, at several times, expressed to all the Grand Lodges in the United States, their unalterable opinion concerning the inexpediency of a Superintendent Grand Lodge, and that some time ago the R. W. Grand Lodge were pleased to direct the Committee of Correspondence to write to all the Grand Lodges aforesaid, agreeably to the report made by your Committee on the above subject, which, if not already done, should be done without delay.

(Signed) P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
Thomas Hennessy,
Samuel F. Bradford.

Philadelphia, February 2d, 1807.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge persist in their resolution of the 7th March, 1803: "That the establishment of a Supreme Superintending Grand Lodge in the United "States is inexpedient and impracticable, but that a convention of "the Deputies from the several Grand Lodges for the purpose of "forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and "permanent intercourse betwixt the said Grand Lodges, and consid-"ering other interesting matters, would be conducive to the advance-"ment and respectability of the Ancient Craft," and that the Committee of Correspondence be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence also inform the said Grand Lodges, that this Grand Lodge will appoint Deputies to meet the Deputies from the other Grand Lodges, in a convention to be held for the aforesaid purpose, in the City of Philadelphia, on the first Monday in May, 1808.

The Committee appointed on the letters of G——— G———,

containing complaints against Bro. J——— T———, of No. 71, also respecting his certificate, said to be from the Grand Lodge of England. The R. W. Grand Master thereupon produced an anonymous letter, under the signature A. B., directed to him, and by him received this day, on the subject of the said G——— G———'s complaint, which was read, and thereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved,* That the said report be recommitted, together with the said anonymous letter, to the said Committee, consisting of Brother Kinnan, Pullen, and Rayner, and that the R. W. Deputy Grand Master and Bro. Robert McCullough be added to the said Committee, and that they make inquiry into the said premises and report.

The Grand Lodge adjourned in harmony at 10 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th April, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. G. W., in the Chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 88, 91, 100, 103.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved,* That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write a letter to the late and present Worshipful Masters and Worthy Brethren of Lodge No. 103, *la Temple des vertus theologales,* expressive of the high sense the R. W. Grand Lodge entertain of their truly Masonic conduct, in the unfortunate event lately happened to the said Lodge, and to assure them that all the members of the R. W. Grand Lodge most sincerely sympathize in the distress they must have experienced on the occasion, etc.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Passmore, and ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, It has been found from experience, that the Masonic Hall [the property of this Grand Lodge] has not, nor cannot be made to afford those accommodations suitable to the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, From the great increase of members to the Masonic institutions of this city, to hold their meeting in the hall belonging to this Grand Lodge, the accommodations have proved quite insufficient; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed with full powers, to sell to the best advantage, the Masonic Hall, the property of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the Trustees holding said property, be directed to make a transfer of the same, to such person or persons as said Committee shall direct; and be it further

Resolved, That the above-named Committee be directed to ascertain if a suitable lot of ground [either on ground-rent or purchase] can be had in a central part of the city, for the purpose of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall, suitable to the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 4th May, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100, 103.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4th, 1807.

Bro. JAMES MILNOR, R. W. G. M., in the Chair.

Fourteen Lodges Represented.

The report of the Committee on the Regulations of the Grand Lodge was read, amended, and adopted as follows:

"Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Masters are forever, *ex officio* members of the Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Secretary shall keep a book to enter in a correct manner the rough minutes of the Grand Lodge, and they shall be read

before the closing of the communication, that the Brethren may have an opportunity to correct mistakes, rectify omissions, etc. He shall, at each Quarterly Communication, make a report in writing of all monies which he shall have received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer in the recess, which report shall be entered in the minutes. He shall, within twenty days after each Communication, furnish the first-named Brother on every committee, with a copy of the minutes and papers respecting the business of such committee, for which he shall take a receipt.

"The Grand Treasurer, before he enters on the duties of his office, shall give a joint bond with one or two of the Brethren, approved by the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, for the time being, in the penalty of two thousand dollars for the due performance of his trust. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens for the time being, to whom the Grand Treasurer gives security, shall enforce every order of the Grand Lodge with respect to its fund. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed and paid all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the society, for which he shall give his receipt, and of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by an order, signed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master or his Deputy, by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary, or by an order of the Committee of Charity, and not otherwise, except the Tyler's bills, which he shall pay when certified by the Grand Secretary. His account shall be audited and reported on, at least once a year.

"No visitors shall be admitted after 7 o'clock from the September equinox to the March equinox, and after 8 o'clock from March to September equinox. None shall be admitted unless vouched for by at least two members of the Grand Lodge. No visitor shall be admitted on the election night.

"No Brother shall be elected Worshipful Master, unless he has served as a Warden of the said Lodge, or has been Master of some Lodge before. Each subordinate Lodge shall, in the return of their members, mention their respective professions or business, age, and place of residence.

"No expulsion shall be valid and confirmed in Grand Lodge, until t shall appear that the Lodge who may have expelled the Brother,

have given him due notice of his expulsion, that he may have an opportunity to make his appeal. The reasons for each expulsion shall be mentioned in the return.

"At the expiration of every year, a committee shall be appointed to examine the transactions of the said year, who shall select what shall to them appear material therein, and direct the same to be printed, together with a list of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodges in communion with this Grand Lodge, and to the Lodges under our jurisdiction."

On motion made and seconded, that the Hall Committee be requested to purchase six patent lamps, and that they have them fixed in the Hall.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 1st June, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 52, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 84, 91, 93, 100.

Communication from Lodge No. 3, 23d March last, of the reinstatement of John Baker, Esq., who had been expelled for non-payment of dues, was read.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of England, of 27th December last, was read. It communicated that the Warrant of No. 53, Liverpool, had been withdrawn for unmasonic conduct.

Lodge No. 19, held at Philadelphia, presented the certificate of Christian Gottlieb Schneyder, of his membership of Trinity Lodge No. 10, of New York, said Schneyder having made application to Lodge No. 19 to become a member, and having been rejected in October last, the said Lodge retained his said certificate and transmitted the same to this Grand Lodge.

A letter from Bro. Marks John Biddle, late W. M. of Lodge No. 12, was read. It inclosed a certificate from Lodge No. 27, held at Rockingham, Virginia, of the membership of Peter Ahl, dated 3d June, 1797. Said Ahl was communicated by the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1802 as expelled. He removed to Reading last year,

and upon his making application to Lodge No. 62 to become a member, and producing said certificate, the Lodge retained the same for the purpose of forwarding it to this Grand Lodge.

On consideration ordered, that Bro. Grand Secretary transmit the said certificate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Application was made by Lodge No. 93 at New Orleans, to have a provincial Grand Lodge at said city, whereupon it was:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the subject, to report at the next Grand Communication.

The R. W. Grand Master stated, that during the last winter, he had performed his official duty of visiting all the Lodges in the city, attended by the other Grand Officers, to whom the same duty appertains, and a Committee from the M. H. G. R. A. Chapter; that a great degree of uniformity in the work of the Craft exists in the several Lodges, some of whom have manifested a laudable desire of improvement by the establishment of Lecturing Lodges; that an increase in the number of members is observable in many of the Lodges, though a few are in this respect on the decline; that the minutes of each were, previous to the visitation, submitted to the inspection of the Grand Secretary, who, with much satisfaction to the R. W. Grand Master, carefully examined the same, and made a written report, noticing with frankness and moderation, such errors as appeared, and applauding such of their transactions as deserved eulogium and praise; that these reports were for the benefit of the Brethren, read upon the evening of visitation, and were uniformly attended to with expressions of gratitude and promises of amendment wherever faults were pointed out; that on each visitation an address was delivered from the chair, calling the attention of the members to such points of duty as were deemed most essential, and warning them against such practices as were believed to be derogatory to the dignity or inconsistent with the good of the Craft; that these communications were received in every Lodge with the warmest cordiality, and the reception of the Grand Officers was in every instance such as to evince a strong sense of duty and respect to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and to impress the minds of the Grand Officers with lively emotions of gratitude for the kindness and affection personally shown them;

that upon the whole, it is the opinion of the Grand Officers, Masonry is in this city in a state of progressive improvement.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the address recently communicated to the different Lodges, and that 300 copies of the same be printed and distributed.

Grand General Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JOHN'S DAY, Wednesday, 24th June, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, in the chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72.

A note from the R. W. Grand Master to the R. W. Grand Secretary was read, and is in the words following:

"DEAR SIR: The situation of my business in the *two* courts now "sitting makes it absolutely impossible for me to be absent from it "this morning, to attend the Grand Lodges. I inform you of the "circumstance, in order that the business of the day may not be re-"tarded under an expectation of my being with you. I am, etc.,

(Signed) "J. MILNOR."

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th July, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. FREDERICK WOLBERT, Esq., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 91, 105.

The Grand Secretary communicated that in compliance with the Resolution of the 1st ultimo, respectfully requesting the R. W. Grand Master to furnish a copy of the Address recently delivered

by him to the different Lodges in this city, for the purpose of having 300 copies of the same printed to be distributed to the different Lodges under this jurisdiction; the R. W. Grand Master had been pleased to furnish a copy of the said Address, and that 300 copies of the same had been printed and were ready to be distributed, agreeably to said Resolution.

The said Address is in the words following, to wit:

"WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BRETHREN:

"As the Representative of that dignified body to which you owe your existence as a Lodge of Masons we come to pay you our annual and fraternal salutations. We are not more strongly prompted to the performance of this service, by the duty we owe to the R. W. Grand Lodge in the various offices we fill, than by our own inclinations; for to persons interested, as we are, in the prosperity of the craft, what can be more gratifying than to pursue and survey its varied operation in the general departments of the institution, from the unskilful, but well intended exertions of the diffident apprentice, to the mature efforts of the industrious fellow-craft, from thence, to the sublime performances of the expert Master Workman, and, finally, to that perfect conclusion of that whole system to be found in the exalted degree of our Order represented here, by the deputation of which I am honored from our Most Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"What can be more gratifying than these things! nothing, my brethren, if we have the pleasure to see you severally engaged with zeal and alacrity, fulfilling the obligations of your several stations, to your own honor, and the advantage of the institution which has adopted you as its members.

"I say, fulfilling the duties of your different stations; for, perhaps, no error is more common in our Society than the promotion of Brethren to the highest honors of the Lodge, before they have acquired that superior knowledge of the work of the craft which, connected with the merit of a good personal character for sobriety, integrity and industry, both in and out of the Lodge, ought alone to entitle any brother to expect them. It becomes me to say, that I forcibly feel, in my own person, the force of this observation. Raised by the favor of my brethren to this high station, without the year's experience, or leisure to acquire knowledge, which would give it

dignity, and weight, and usefulness, while I look back with veneration and respect to my aged and honored predecessors, I look forward almost with despondency, yet I have the satisfaction to believe that the same kindness which has prematurely thrown upon me the responsibility of a situation so far above my merits, will likewise aid me in the discharge of its arduous duties. Thus assisted, my administration may not be rendered not wholly useless—without such support little would be my dependence on any labors of my own. And let me press it upon you, as applicable to my case, as well as others, that whenever the choice of the body for any particular office has fallen upon a brother, who has modesty enough to feel his own insufficiency, let his difficulties be lessened by the earnest and ingenious co-operation and aid of all who have contributed to his advancement.

"To prize as we ought the importance of these stations, we must have proper conceptions of the dignity and excellence of the institution itself, and what institution can be more dignified, than one which travels not back a few centuries for the commencement of its existence, but whose origin is lost in the remotest antiquity; which has extended its ramifications into every part of the civilized world, and has posted as its patrons the wisest statesmen, the bravest heroes, and the most generous benefactors of the human race, from our ancient and Grand Master Solomon, down to America's best friend, our beloved and lamented Washington. What institution can be more excellent than one which inculates piety towards God, love towards man, morality and justice in all our actions, and kindness and charity towards those of our fellow-creatures from whom fortune has withdrawn his smile, and who, without our support, would be compelled still to wander on the barren wilds of adversity and want.

"But I am not now, brethren, to pronounce the eulogy of our Order. Your feelings anticipate all my praises, and I fear that my feeble voice would diminish rather than exalt its worth.

"Let me, therefore, decline the attempt, and assume the humble task of adverting for a few moments to some particulars, which my official duty calls upon me to notice.

"I have glanced at the important object of care in the judicious selection of the officers of the Lodge. I must now urge, as no less important, the exercise of great caution in the admission of new members. How has the craft been disgraced by inattention in

this particular in some of our Lodges? Have they been so unfortunate as to introduce amongst themselves a man of passion and resentment? How quickly have his unbridled feelings involved the Lodge in turmoil and confusion! Is a man dishonest in his principles, and unjust in his dealings? He degrades the Institution in the eyes of the world to his own level, and practices his dishonesty and injustice upon his unsuspecting brethren. Is he intemperate in his habits? The social and moderate refreshment which we allow, when the labors of the Lodge are completed, he perverts to the injury of his constitution, the bad example of others, the disgust of all sober brethren, and the degradation of the craft. Is he a reviler of that holy religion on which we depend for all our functions in the Lodge below, and our hopes of an entrance into the Lodge above the skies? Where then is your security for his faithfulness, and what will be said of the pretensions of a society of such men, to the character which ours boasts, of being founded on the corner-stone of religion?

"My brethren, while we disclaim rank and fortune as criterions of admission to our mysteries, let us tile our doors with the utmost sedulousness against unworthy candidates, and let us, rather for the general good, offend a weak brother whose mistaken partiality induces him to recommend such characters, than by a contrary course, destroy the beauty of the Lodge.

"The careful preservation of the funds of the Lodge by avoiding unnecessary expenditure, and devoting them to the proper objects of the institution, a punctual discharge of the dues on the part of each member, so that the Lodge may also be enabled to satisfy, without delay, the claims of the Grand Lodge, the keeping of fair and accurate minutes of your transactions, and making regular semi-annual returns to the superior body, are duties of so obvious a nature, and have been in general so well attended to, that I barely mention them.

"I trust I shall not be considered as having reference to this Lodge in particular, if I do not pass quite so lightly over another circumstance. I mean order and decorum in the Lodge. How have I seen the beauty of our work sullied by a want of deference and respect to the presiding officers, by unguarded and heated expressions, by a restless change of place, by continual whispers, by needlessly going out of, and returning into, Lodge, by unseasonable at-

tendance, and by a want of reverence during the most awful and solemn rites. These faults are by no means universal amongst us, but they do exist, and I trust my respected friends who now hear me (while I assure them the picture in the extent portrayed, is not intended for them) will ingeniously acknowledge and amend any particular feature that may apply.

"Permit me, without any knowledge of the practice of this Lodge in particular, to mention as a matter of some concern a usage which has prevailed of allowing refreshment in the adjoining room before the business of the evening has closed. The almost certain consequence of this is irregularity and disorder, and I, therefore, confidently trust that my affectionate but urgent request for its total discontinuance will not be taken in ill part by the brethren, nor their compliance be refused.

"The general good order, harmony, and social enjoyment, that universally prevail during the proper and allotted season of refreshment, increase the delights of our association, and these indulgences are, in my view, innocent and useful; but, for the purpose of rendering this pleasing sweetness of our labors more truly Masonic, I recommend the opening on these occasions of a table lodge, which it should be the duty of the Master to close at an early and seasonable hour, and after which no brother should be permitted to continue the repast. I fear instances have existed wherein the neglect of the recommendation now given has contributed to bring our society under evil imputations. God forbid that so fair a fabric as that of Masonry should ever become the temple of intemperance and excess.

"After thus complying with a sense of duty by an undisguised exposure of my sentiments, in which I am happy to have the approbation and concurrence of all my worthy assistants in this visitation, I conclude with noticing an object of as great importance as can engage our attention,—I allude to the more immediate work of the craft. In this there is not a sufficient uniformity amongst the different Lodges, nor on the part of some Masters a competent portion of correctness and skill. What is the occasion of this? Is it neglect and indolence on the part of those whose exalted and responsible station should excite them to every possible exertion to become bright and perfect examples to, and instructive of, others? Not so. The truth is one bad workman will make many, and an incorrect administration of our solemnities, copied in succession by one Master

from another, affords no prospect of amendment; but, on the contrary, every step leads to still greater error and deterioration. There are few correct lecturers among us. There is, then, a want of the means of information. This is a radical evil, and how is it to be remedied?

"I see at present no other mode than the establishment of a Grand Lecturing Lodge, composed of the Grand Officers and officers for the time being of the several subordinate Lodges. This would, at least, promise uniformity, and I hope that there would be found some individuals whose superior talents in this important branch of Masonic science might be essentially serviceable to others. At all events there would be a probability of concentrating in this body and thence universally diffusing all the Masonic light our several Lodges possess. If the season should now be considered as too far advanced to begin this work, I recommend it to the attention of the brethren, as a measure which may be matured so as to go into operation the ensuing autumn.

"I have trespassed thus long upon your patience, brethren, under a hope of being able to awaken your attention to such matters which I consider of importance. Should you differ from me on all or any of them, I can only say that I have performed my conscientious duty in suggesting them for your consideration. It is your right to judge of them, and I pray the Supreme Grand Master to teach you and me to judge aright.

"Before I sit down let me congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the craft, and particularly that portion of it which is more immediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Much harmony prevails among the brethren, many valuable accessions have been made of such as walk worthy of their vocation, and, under the auspices of the Grand Architect of the Universe, we have reason to hope that the usefulness and respectability of our institution will continue to increase. May it advance in wisdom, strength, and beauty, till time itself shall merge into eternity."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved unanimously*, That the respectful thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the R. W. Grand Master for the copy of the very Masonic, affectionate, and highly appropriate circular addressed, delivered to the different

Lodges in the city, and that a Committee be appointed to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved unanimously, That the said Committee consist of three members, and that Bro. Peter Grant, W. Master of Lodge No. 2, Bro. Robert Grant, W. Master of Lodge No. 3, and Bro. Jacob Peterman, W. Master of Lodge No. 19, form the said Committee.

A copy of a discourse delivered by Brother Beede before the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was received.

The report of Bro. Joseph Kingsbery, of his having constituted Lodge No. 108, at Wisox, on the 3d of April last, was read.

The Committee appointed on the 1st ultimo, on the subject of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge at New Orleans, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

We, the Committee to whom was referred the application of Lodge No. 93, at New Orleans, presented by their proxy, Bro. Gardette, soliciting the establishment of a Provincial Grand Lodge at said place, beg leave respectfully to report:

That after due deliberation on the subject, and taking into consideration the advantage to Masonry, that may probably result from it, recommend to this Grand Lodge, that proceedings in the usual form, authorizing the establishment of a Provisional Grand Lodge at said place, be complied with, subject to such regulations as this Grand Lodge may deem expedient.

(Signed) Robert Lewis,
Robert Poalk,
Robert Pullen.

Philadelphia, July 6th, 1807.

Which report was adopted.

Grand Extra Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, 17th July, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. ROBERT LEWIS, R. W. S. Grand Warden, in the Chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 59, 67, 70, 72, 91, 94.

The R. W. Grand Master informed the Brethren, that they had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration, a petition praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge. Said petition was thereupon read. It was from several Brethren residing in the Territory of Louisiana, praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge in the St. Genevieve, in the said Territory, to be called "The Louisiana Lodge," and that Bro. Doctor Aaron Eliot might be named Master, Bro. Andrew Henry, Senior Warden, and Bro. George Bullitt, Junior Warden of the same, and that Bro. James Edgar, W. M. R. Smith, of the Western Star Lodge, No. 107, held at Kaskaskia, might be authorized to constitute the said Lodge; which petition being in due form, and being duly recommended by said Lodge, No. 107, agreeably to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, it was, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, and that the said Lodge be No. 109.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th September, 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 84, 88, 91, 93, 103.

The Grand Secretary reported, that since the last Grand Quarterly Communication he had received the following sums of money, on account of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

For dispensations,	$45 00
For certificates,	22 49
For books of Ahimon Rezin,	2 00
Total,	$69 49

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th October, 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 103.

On motion made and seconded, the resolutions offered on the 6th of April last, respecting the sale of the Hall, and which were then read, were now read a second time.

The said resolutions being under consideration, the first resolution was amended, so as to read as follows, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the "expediency of making sale of the Hall, and also to inquire what "price can be obtained for the same."

On the question being taken on the said resolution as amended, the same was carried.

The second resolution was amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the said Committee be directed to ascertain if a "suitable lot of ground, with or without a building thereon, either "on ground-rent or purchase, can be had in a central part of the city, "for the purpose, if with a building, of altering the same into, or if "without a building, of erecting an elegant Masonic Hall suitable "to the dignity of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and "that they report at the next Adjourned Communication of the "Grand Lodge."

On the question being taken on the said resolution as amended, the same was carried.

Brothers Jonathan B. Smith, Esq., Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., George A. Baker, Robert McCullough, and Thomas Passmore, were appointed a Committee for the above purposes.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said Committee be directed to inquire what funds can be procured for carrying the above object into effect, and that they make report.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 16th November, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 86, 91, 100, 103, 105.

The Committee appointed on the resolution respecting the sale of the Hall, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

TO THE R. W. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING:

The Committee appointed at the Communication held the fifth day of October last, beg leave to report:

That in compliance with their appointment, they have inquired into the expediency of making sale of the Hall, and also what price can be obtained for the same, and are of the opinion that the R. W. Grand Lodge should not lose any opportunity in making sale of a building now inadequate to the purposes for which it was intended. That an offer is made by a sufficient person to take the said Hall and lot, at the price of five thousand dollars, to be paid in work in the building of a new Hall, at a fair price, giving security for the performance of a contract to be entered into, which price your committee think is the highest the Hall could command, and only in that way.

That your Committee have had several meetings, have taken all possible pains in looking for a suitable lot, for erecting an elegant Masonic Hall, in a central part of the city; that amongst the lots they have contemplated, there is one situated on the north side of Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth streets, containing in front, on Chestnut Street, 101 feet 8 inches, and in depth, 178 feet or thereabouts.

That the owner asks for the whole of the said lot a ground-rent of $850 per annum.

That your Committee suppose that the said ground-rent will appear at first to be very high, yet, considering that such a situation

would give general satisfaction to the Brethren, considering also the advantages that might result from having large cellars to let, and also very large rooms on the first floor fit for schools or other public purposes in so eligible a situation, etc., they are of opinion that such a lot is the best that can answer the purposes intended by the Grand Lodge and generally wished for by the Brethren, and they beg leave to recommend the securing of the said lot.

That your Committee conceive that many of the Brethren would assist the Grand Lodge by a liberal subscription, and that it is probable some further assistance could be obtained from the different Lodges in the city by donations or loans.

That the Committee have considered as a part of their duty to submit to the Grand Lodge, the present and probable funds and resources of the Grand Lodge, also the probable income after the Hall is built, the whole whereof is stated as follows:

Proceeds of the present Hall, . . .	$5000 00	
In the Grand Treasurer's hand, . . .	886 20	
In Bro. Israel Israel's hands, ...	216 14	
In the Grand Secretary's hands, about, . .	60 00	
		$6,162 34
Sale of Bro. Dean's lot, supposed, . . .	1800 00	
Sundry sums expected to be paid by the Lodges, etc., by March next, . . .	700 00	
Subscription moneys, donations, and loans, .	1500 00	
		4,000 00
		$10,162 34
Eleven Lodges, etc., rent, ...	$500 00	
Dues from twelve Lodges in the city, . .	240 00	
Dues from County Lodges, ...	300 00	
Dispensations, ...	150 00	
Certificates, ...	80 00	
Warrants, ...	180 00	
		$1,450 00
Cellars, ...	240 00	
Rooms, ...	300 00	
		540 00
		$1,990 00

Your Committee beg leave to observe, that should the Grand Lodge choose to build the Hall back from the street, four lots of 20

feet by 80 or 90 feet might be disposed of, and would reduce the ground-rent more than one-half.

(Signed), J. B. Smith,
George A. Baker,
P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
Thomas Passmore,
Robert McCullough.

Philadelphia, November 16th, 1807.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said Committee be instructed to make a purchase of the lot recommended by them on the best terms they can procure.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said Committee be instructed to make sale of the present building, for a sum not lower than five thousand dollars, conditioned to be paid either in money or in materials and work, and also conditioned that the building be not delivered until another building is prepared.

Brother Jonathan B. Smith requested permission to withdraw from the said Committee, which was granted, and Bro. Samuel F. Bradford was appointed in his room.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the said Committee obtain a plan or plans of a Masonic Hall, together with an estimate of the expense of the building, and that they lay the same before this Grand Lodge.

The petition of John Macbeth and Samuel Meeteer, formerly members of Lodge No. 96, held at Newark, in the State of Delaware, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, was read.

They stated that owing to the proceedings of several Lodges in the said State of Delaware, and of the said Lodge No. 96, this Grand Lodge had vacated the warrant of the said Lodge No. 96, which has deprived them of the right of obtaining certificates to establish their good standing, that they are determined not to join any of the Lodges, working under a Grand Lodge, not acknowledged, and which they conceive for that reason to be irregular; that it is probable that the petitioners will, in a short time, remove to some other State, wherein they wish to enjoy the benefits of Masonry. That they are willing to pay their Grand Lodge dues to this time, and, therefore, pray that Grand Lodge certificates may be granted them.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That special certificates be granted to the said petitioners, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Hall Committee be directed to have patent lamps fixed in the Hall agreeably to resolution of 4th May last.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th December, A. D. 1807.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, ESQ., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100, 102, 103.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master stated that it was inconvenient to him to fill the said office any longer, and he therefore declined being a candidate for the same for the ensuing year.

Bro. Armstrong, Grand Treasurer, stated that his private affairs would not permit him to discharge the duties of that office any longer, and, therefore, desired that he might not be re-elected.

The Grand Lodge thereupon proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the undernamed Brethren were duly elected to fill the following offices, to wit:

Bro. James Milnor, Esq., re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Robert Lewis, re-elected R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Robert Poalk, re-elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. George A. Baker, re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Samuel F. Bradford, elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Committee appointed on the 16th ultimo, to purchase a lot and to make sale of the Hall, made report, which was read, and is in the words following, to wit:

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Committee appointed on the 16th of November last, to make purchase of the lot on Chestnut Street for a Masonic Hall, etc., beg leave to report:

That in compliance with their appointment, they have purchased the said lot on Chestnut Street, containing 101 feet 7 inches in front on Chestnut Street, and 178 feet in depth, with the privilege of an alley 15 feet wide, leading to Eighth Street, for the yearly rent or sum of $850 per annum, to be paid in half-yearly payments forever, with the privilege of extinguishing the said rent at 16⅔ years' purchase at any time in partial payments, of not less than one-fourth part at any one payment. That the said rent shall begin from the day the deed for the said lot shall be executed to such Trustees as the Grand Lodge will appoint.

That your Committee have endeavored to make sale of the present Hall, and have received from Mr. Thomas Carstairs, an eminent carpenter of this city, the following proposal [to wit]: To take the said Hall at the price of $5000, to be paid in work in the new intended building, the Grand Lodge to retain possession of the said Hall until they remove to the new one. That besides, he offers to do the carpenter work for 10 per cent. less than the old price, or, perhaps, something lower, if the fine work is considerable.

That some of the managers of the City Dancing Assembly have proposed to advance about $10,000 to carry on the intended building, at the interest of 6 per cent. per annum, on condition that they should be furnished on the first floor with a suitable ball-room, refreshing-room, card and drawing-rooms, the said money to be secured by a mortgage on the building. And your Committee have reason to think that the City Dancing Assembly will allow yearly a reasonable compensation for the times they shall occupy the said rooms during the winter season, leaving to the Grand Lodge the privilege of letting the same at all other times throughout the year.

That the said managers have not yet been able to have a general meeting of their board, but are to have one on Wednesday next, the result of which will be made known to your Committee.

That your Committee cannot procure a plan or plans of a Masonic Hall, etc., nor an estimate of the building, until they know the sense of the Grand Lodge on the said proposal, and until it is determined whether it shall be carried into effect or not.

Your Committee are of opinion that if the above proposal and plan can be carried into execution, not only the Grand Lodge will have a more elegant Hall, but the large cellars and the first floor

will bring a considerable income besides the sum allowed by the City Dancing Assembly, especially as there is not any such accommodation to be had in this city, though much desired for many purposes.

(Signed) P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
George A. Baker,
Robert McCullogh,
Thomas Passmore,
Samuel F. Bradford.

December 7th, 1807.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the said Grand Lodge approve of the said purchase so made, of the aforesaid lot of ground, and that the said Committee be directed to carry the same into effect.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the officers elected this evening, together with Bro. Jonathan B. Smith, William L. Sonntag, and Thomas Passmore, be appointed Trustees, and that the deed of conveyance of the aforesaid lot of ground and premises, with the appurtenances, be made to them as joint tenants in fee, in trust, for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the above-named Committee be directed to inquire what monies can be obtained on loan, either from individuals or public bodies, for the purpose of erecting a building, and that they make report.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Philadelphia, Monday, 21st December, 1807.

Present: Bro. James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 59, 65, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 100, 103, 105.

Bro. Grand Secretary communicated that he had appointed Bro. Thomas Henesey, Esq., Deputy Grand Secretary, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the same.

Whereupon the said appointment was unanimously approved.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Jewels and Aprons of the Grand Officers, etc., be directed to furnish a Jewel and Apron for the Deputy Grand Secretary.

A communication of the removal of Lodge No. 81, from the Fountain Inn in Germantown, to the Sign of General Wayne's Indian Treaty, in the same place, was read.

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Monday, 28th, instead of St. John's Day which fell upon Sunday, 27th December, 1807.

Present: Bro. James Milnor, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 84, 88, 103, 105.

The following Grand Officers were severally installed into their respective offices in ancient form, to wit:

Bro. James Milnor, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Master.
" Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq.,	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Robert Poalk,	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" George A. Baker,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
" Samuel F. Bradford, Esq.,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother Lewis, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, not being present, his installation is to take place hereafter.

Bro. Grand Secretary informed the Grand Lodge that he had appointed Brother Thomas Hennesy, Esq., Deputy Grand Secretary. for the ensuing year, and requested that the Grand Lodge would be pleased to sanction the said appointment, when the same was unanimously approved.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to make his appointment.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 7th March, A. D. 1808.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 51, 52, 59, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 103, 105.

Bro. Robert Lewis, the R. W. Senior Grand Warden elect, not having been present at the installation of the R. W. Grand Officers on St. John's Day last, was now installed into the said office in ancient form.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master presented a report respecting the Grand Visitation lately made to the Lodges held in this city, which was read, as follows:

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING, THE GRAND MASTER REPORTS:

That, accompanied by his Grand Officers and a Committee of three companions from the Most Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter, he has completed, during the past and present months, a tour of visitation in ancient form to the several Lodges held in the city of Philadelphia, that he has conceived it his duty to address a circular charge to said Lodges, awakening their attention to the real nature and objects of this institution, and conveying such advice and cautions as were presumed would prove of utility; that under his direction each Lodge has submitted its book of transactions to the Grand Secretary previous to the visitation taking place, and on the evening of meeting with the Lodge, the Grand Secretary with that attention which marks his official conduct has, upon being called on for that purpose by the Grand Master, produced in each instance a written report noticing the manner in which the Lodge has been attended by its members, stating with candor and impartiality any errors which may have crept into the transactions of the Lodge or its mode of minuting its proceedings, and applauding any traits of merit deserving of commendation and praise, each report underwent a comment from the Grand Master from the chair, having for its object a more complete elucidation of the various matters noticed by the Grand Secretary, and impressing on the minds of the members such

matters as the occasion appeared to require; that to render this scrutiny and comment still more efficacious each Lodge was furnished with a copy of the report and requested to have the same inserted on their minutes, that in one only instance the Grand Master was deprived of the opportunity of having any examination of the proceedings of the Lodge previous to the visitation, the same having been omitted to be entered in their book of transactions for a full year, that the Grand Master requested that the minutes should be immediately placed in a state proper for examination, in order that the same might take place previous to this report being made to the Grand Lodge, and his request has been complied with; that it is with peculiar pleasure the Grand Master finds himself authorized to say, that he observes no diminution of zeal and attention to the interests of the craft on the part of that portion of it which he has lately reviewed; but that on the contrary the Lodges in this city, with the exception of one or two, are increasing in numbers, and that there appears on the part of the members much anxiety to promote the prosperity of Masonry, and to be found walking worthily in the vocations to which they have been called; that in several Lodges an encouraging revival of exertion is observable, and in all of the communications, the Grand Officers were received with affection and respect, accompanied by assurances of implicit obedience to the mandates of the Grand Lodge, and a cheerful compliance with the recommendations given to them by its officers.

Upon the whole, the Grand Master flatters himself, that advantage will accrue to the craft from the recent survey and investigation, and he feels himself much indebted to his Worthy Brethren who accompanied him, for the assistance lent him in the prosecution of the work.

The Grand Master has directed copies of the reports of the Grand Secretary on the minutes of each Lodge to be laid before the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded,

Resolved unanimously, That the R. W. Grand Master be respectfully requested that a copy of the address lately delivered by him to the different Lodges held in this city, and that the said address, together with the above report, be inserted on the minutes, and also

printed for the use of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master was pleased to comply with said request, by furnishing a copy of the said address, which is in the words following, to wit:

"WORSHIPFUL MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN.

"The custom of annual visitation is one of the immemorial ap-
"pendages of the Masonic institution. Its value and importance
"must be obvious to all who consider the nature of that relation
"which subsists between the Grand Lodge and the subordinate
"Lodges. The former may be considered as the fountain of Masonic
"authority, light, and knowledge which are hence imparted to, and
"diffused over the inferior bodies, deriving from the superior power
"your right to hold these friendly intercourses with each other;
"you are cheered by the frequent communications received through
"the medium of its officers from the highest source of information,
"because you know it to be your duty, and feel it to be your delight
"to walk according to the ancient standards, and to be reminded of
"your aberrances therefrom, if even such take place. To guard
"with the utmost solicitude and watchfulness, every department of
"our noble edifice, is the duty of those who have been called to the
"administration of the higher offices of the craft. No institution
"merely human is altogether free from the danger of innovation;
"and, therefore, though it is the boast of ours that its purity has
"remained in a great measure unviolated, during many ages that
"are past, yet it must depend on its inherent excellence, and the
"sedulous attention of its conductors, for its future respectability
"and permanence. Under a deep sense of the weight of the obliga-
"tion which rests upon us who have been honored with an advance-
"ment to the dignified stations we severally hold, it is that we con-
"tinue according to ancient usage these stated visitations. Do not
"consider them as vain and useless ceremonies, nor imagine that we
"come among you with hearts elevated by the pride of office, or
"inflated by the weak desire of receiving homage at your hands.
"No, my Brethren, we come in obedience to the mandates of impe-
"rious duty, and we desire to be serviceable to you.

"For my own part I have greatly to regret the little opportunity
"and capacity I possess for executing my anxious inclinations to pro-

"mote the honor and well-being of the fraternity; but I am aided by "those who possess more opportunity and better capacity, united "with equally good intentions, and we have the happiness also to "find in our Brethren, such good dispositions as materially tend to "assist our endeavors.

"Cultivate them with diligence, my Brethren; they encourage our "labors for the good of Masonry, and they will make those labors "redound to our comfort and the advantage of the craft under our "charge.

"Associated under the endearing appellation of Brothers, how "pleasing it is to see realized in our Masonic intercourse the various "affecting traits belonging to that relation. Mutual love and affec-"tion, generous and kindly emotions, feelings of deep commiseration "for each other's distresses, resulting in spontaneous acts of charity "and beneficence; these are splendid pillars of our Masonic Temple, "moral ornaments far exceeding the justly admired proportions of "architectural decoration, and all the well-imagined embellishments "of our Ancient and Honorable Order. Far little has that Mason "profited, however appropriately he may be designated by the ex-"ternal habiliments of his profession, if he has not learnt practically "to moralize its several parts; if he has not learnt by the square, "that he is at all times suitably to regulate his actions by the square "of virtue; by the plumb that he is to walk uprightly before God "and man in whatever station he may be placed; and by the level "that he is on an equality with his brethren, and should never con-"ceive himself too elevated in the sphere Providence has assigned "him, for the performance of humane and benevolent actions to-"wards his fellow-men. In vain has he handled the gauge if it has "not read to him many lessons on the value of time, and taught "him so to divide his employments and his recreations, that his body "may not sink under the pressure of the former, nor his mind be "weakened, his health impaired, and his family destroyed, by an "excessive indulgence of the latter. In vain has he wielded the "common gavel if it has not produced strong endeavors to break "off every vicious propensity and disposition from his heart, and, "above all, remove those obstructions that sometimes prevent the "square of fellowship from lying easy amongst Brethren.

"In vain does he borrow from the operative mason that useful "instrument the trowel, if he has not delighted to use it for the

"generous purpose of concealing his brothers' imperfections, and "spreading the cement of fraternal love and affection; that cement "which unites us in one sacred band of friends and Brothers, among "whom, as has been well observed, no contention should ever exist, "but the noble emulation of, who can best work or who best agree. "In vain will he be seen clothed in the white lamb-skin, if that "beautiful badge do not teach him to appreciate the value of purity "of mind and innocence of conduct. In vain will he eulogize the "wisdom, strength, and beauty of the noble art he professes, if it "does not make him see the necessity of increasing his own wisdom "by advancing in the knowledge of our mysteries, of showing the "strength of his own exertions in maintaining them unsullied, and "of evincing the beauty of the institution by the exemplariness of "his own deportment.

"But if the attentive Mason correctly spiritualizes the various "implements, badges, and decorations of the Lodge, where will he "find a school capable of such copious instruction?

"With the Book of life ever open before him, with a sense of "present observation of his conduct by the all-seeing eye of the "great Ruler of the Universe, with the tradition of past ages stored "in his recollection, with the teachings of wisdom held forth to his "view, in our estimable book of constitutions and other memorials "of our society, with the communications of wise and expert master "workmen, and with the silent, but instructive operation of every "object round him, that man must indeed be dull and inobservant, "or grossly negligent and careless, who does not profit by such ad-"vantages.

"Have you, my Brethren, so profited during the year that is past? "We make not the inquiry in a spirit of censure or complaint. We "hope and trust many of you can answer satisfactorily and truly in "the affirmative; and if any cannot presume to boast of their ac-"quirements, we hope another year may place them on a level, with "their at present better improved associates.

"Our works being dictated to us by no written memorial, it be-"comes the more necessary that, by close attention and diligent ap-"plication, we treasure up in our memories, as those who have gone "before us have done, its invaluable forms.

"With this view, the young Mason should not satisfy himself "with the earnest, but brief consideration of them which a short-

"lived curiosity on his first admission generally induces. He should "perseveringly adhere to a plan of study that may indelibly impress "them on his mind, that may secure him an unhesitating admission "into all ancient Lodges, and may do honor to the particular Lodge "in which he has received his Masonic privileges.

"And here, my Brethren, let me take the opportunity of caution-"ing you against an error, the dangerous nature of which, one would "think, need only be seen to be avoided. I mean, that carelessness "I have often observed on the part of Brethren, in making them-"selves known to others, of whose connection with the craft they "have an insufficient knowledge. An indiscriminate communica-"tion, of even the slightest evidence of our order, is not merely "blamable, but fraught with great danger to that sacred security "and secrecy, in which its mysteries should ever be hidden from the "uninitiated and profane. My Brethren, let me urge it upon you, "never to risk a disclosure of the minutest point in mixed com-"panies. The eyes of the inquisitive and discerning are often directed "towards us when we are not aware of our actions being noticed, "and no correct and careful Mason ought ever to be taken off his "guard.

"In like manner, when you speak of the institution to strangers, "avoid the gratification of an improper curiosity on their part. Its "general nature, so far as may be lawfully made known, all the "world may learn from the various books of constitutions, and other "treatises now extant; for all the rest, let your only answer to their "inquiries be, 'come and see.'

"Let me on this occasion renew also, a recommendation formerly "given, for the exercise of more investigation into the character of "candidates for admission into Lodges than, I fear, sometimes takes "place. Is there not, in many instances, too great an ardor for an "increase of members, united with too little attention to the merits "of the applicants? This is indeed a sore evil, which has deeply "tainted the health of the Masonic body in many places, and in "some has destroyed its local existence.

"The remedy, Brethren, lies with yourselves; you should let no "false delicacy prevent you from a decided course of conduct, in the "rejection of all improper applications, taking care at the same time "that your judgment be not warped by political or religious preju-"dice, or by personal animosity or ill-will.

"The same caution that should be used in regard to the reception "of members, should also be used in the selection of those amongst "you, who are to take a more active part, and to fill more prominent "stations in the society. A mistaken idea of rotation in office has "been entertained in some Lodges. It has been supposed that every "brother in his turn should be invested with the honors of the "Lodge. Every brother ought indeed to aim at advancement and "to use proper exertions to qualify himself for it; but as we all "know that in every institution some are less capable, some less dili-"gent, and some less meritorious than others, and that of course "there are necessarily various grades of moral and intellectual im-"provement, so ought it to be the study of every Lodge, not to "nominate its officers on a principle, in my view, almost as repre-"hensible as would be a decision by lot, but with great care and "circumspection to select only such as will be patterns of Masonic "excellence to the bodies in which they preside or act.

"In our address of last year, we affectionately recommended to you "various other points of duty. We flatter ourselves it is needless "now to repeat many of them. From the very respectful and at-"tentive hearing you then gave its contents, and from its publica-"tion since, we trust it has made such an impression as it merited, "and if we cannot solace ourselves with the reflection that all its "requests have been complied with, we know that many have, and "hope others may yet be found deserving of future consideration.

"There is one circumstance that shall occupy but a moment. This "society has been charged by the world with having produced dele-"terious effects on the moral and industrious habits of its members. "That it has generally had such an influence we may positively and "truly deny; for, as I have already intimated, every it "contains, and every precept it teaches, is in perfect consonance with "our moral and civil duties; but that in a few instances an excessive "zeal in a good cause, and in others an ill-judged fondness for in-"temperate indulgences at our seasons of refreshment, may have "injuriously affected the habits of some of our members, candor "must acknowledge to be true. Masons are but men; and it is not "therefore very surprising that amongst them, as amongst others, "individuals may be found weak enough to pervert the institution "and its accompaniments to improper purposes. I have remedies "to propose wherever the evil exists: to the Lodge and to the indi-

"vidual. Let the Lodge place proper limitations on the duration "of the time of refreshment, and suitable restrictions on the nature "and extent of the indulgences to be permitted. This will prevent "a wasteful expenditure of funds which should be moderately ap-"plied to our own gratification, while the widow and orphan are "supplicating for relief, and while the higher claims of the society "call for economy and care, in the preservation of our resources. It "would also prevent our enjoyment from being the occasion of in-"convenience to our families, and be one means of stopping the "mouths of our enemies.

"Let each individual also recollect that if he suffers a degeneracy "of character after his union with us, he is giving a dangerous "wound to a body he has solemnly bound himself to defend and "protect; that every sentiment the Lodge teaches is adverse to in-"temperance and idleness; and that Masonry ought to have the "effect of increasing his respectability and usefulness in every rela-"tion in life whose duties he is called upon to discharge. Will our "younger Brethren excuse me for observing, that I believe many "have been prejudiced by a mistaken zeal and ardor, on their first "entrance amongst us. With good motives they go from Lodge to "Lodge, till the practice of spending their evenings abroad produces "a neglect of domestic and other engagements, and perhaps some-"times begets too great a relish for the festivities with which we "close our labors. Such should recur to the excellent lecture that "was read to them on the day of their initiation, where it is pre-"scribed as a leading duty of every Mason, that he is not to neglect "his own necessary avocations for the sake of Masonry. I am "understood, I hope, as censuring the excessive pursuit of this object, "and not the temperate and steady devotion of the members of our "Lodges to the important interests of the craft.

"No, my Brethren, we solicit and invite your united coöperation "in earnest and well-directed endeavors, to promote the cause of "Masonry in general, and in particular, its establishment under the "jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"Give us your support by sending us your representatives in that "body, men capable of devising and executing plans calculated to "increase its prosperity and dignity.

"Impress upon them the necessity of a punctual attendance at our "Stated and Special Communications.

"Take care that your officers do not omit the proper returns of "your Lodge in due season.

"Be careful to enforce your by-laws, especially in the article of "dues, and admit no member to exercise the elective franchise "amongst you, if, being of ability, and properly warned, he omit to "discharge his arrears.

"Settle regularly at the close of each year your accounts with the "Grand Lodge. It materially aids our resources, and will be found "most convenient and agreeable to yourselves to be regular in the "discharge of this duty.

"Avoid useless expense, but after the work of charity is attended "to, do not neglect anything that may add to the decency and beauty "of the Lodge.

"Be not inattentive to order. It is as necessary to the harmony "and well-being of the Lodge, as health is to the continued exist-"ence of the human body.

"To this end press upon your members, not only an avoidance of "everything that may be calculated to disturb the orderly transac-"tions of your business in the Lodge, but also, strict punctuality of "attendance at your hour of meeting. How unpleasant it is to a "lover of decency and order, to see our Holy Temple treated with "the unceremonious freedom of a public inn, by Brethren claiming "admission at the most unseasonable hours.

"Let the utmost silence prevail during the conduct of your work. "Every Workman having taken his proper station, let him remain "attentive to his duties, and by no means let the Master Workman "be interrupted or interfered with by less expert hands. Such in-"terference is embarrassing to the Master and mars the order and "regularity of the work.

"In your work adhere with the most undeviating exactness to the "ancient landmarks. Endeavor to promote a uniformity of work-"ing with your sister Lodges, and such of you whose duty it is to "officiate, strive to perfect yourselves, and to further the improve-"ment of the younger Brethren.

"Avoid undue warmth of discussion. It interrupts the harmony "of the Lodge, engenders personal animosity, and frequently termi-"nates in consequences, everywhere to be lamented, but nowhere to "be so much deplored as in a society of Brothers.

"Having thus cursorily glanced at a few heads of duty, of most

"of which we have pleasure in believing our Lodges not to have "been hitherto unobservant, I congratulate you on the general pros-"perity of the craft, and on the maintenance of harmony and good "fellowship amongst you during the past year.

"We wish them to be found pre-eminently reigning in this Lodge "in time to come.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper your praise-"worthy exertions, and may you become a still brighter star in the "Hemisphere of Masonry."

"The New Hall Committee beg leave to report, that conformably to the order of the R. W. Grand Lodge, they have obtained the deed of the lot situate on the north side of Chestnut Street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, as mentioned in their former Report. That William Waln, the owner, having desired to have half-years' ground rent paid in advance, allowing the discount, your Committee thought proper to accede to his request, and the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to draw on Brother Grand Treasurer for the same, which they hope will meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

"That your Committee have had several meetings on the subject of a building to be erected, that, having found that no certain engagement could be entered into with the Managers of the City Dancing Assembly, nor with any other persons, they have consulted many respectable Brethren and friends, and have considered that it would be best to erect on said lot, at the distance of about one hundred feet from Chestnut Street, a handsome and convenient building, adequate to the accomodations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, all the Lodges, the Grand H. R. A. Chapter, etc., also with sufficient rooms for the Tyler and his family. The intended building to be eighty-one feet in front, and sixty-nine feet in depth, all the accommodations for the Grand and other Lodges to be on the second floor, and on the first floor, there may be a hall large enough for the grand feasts, with other smaller rooms, which may be occasionally rented with great advantage, besides the cellars.

"Your Committee are of opinion that the lot being one hundred and one feet, seven inches in front on Chestnut Street, there might be sold two twenty feet lots at the east and west ends thereof, which would leave an entrance of twenty-one feet, seven inches in the

centre, the said lots to be about seventy feet in depth, which would reduce the price of purchase more than one-half.

"Your Committee have submitted the plan proposed by Brother Grand Secretary and by them adopted as the best calculated for the intended purpose, and the most advantageous, to the same carpenter who did build the German Hall, and the estimate made by him amounts to the sum of $17,693. From the exactness of the estimate the said gentleman made of the cost of the German Hall, your Committee are led to suppose that the present one is near to the real cost as can be expected.

"Your Committee did not consider themselves authorized to proceed any further. They submit their ideas and opinion to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. Should the brethren determine to go on with the building as contemplated, a considerable assistance must be procured without delay by subscription or loan from the several Lodges or individual members, especially as the season is far advancing and no time should be lost in order to have the building completed before December next.

(Signed) P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
George A. Baker,
Thomas Passmore,
Robert McCullagh."

Whereupon, on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, unanimously, That that part of the said Report which relates to the payment of half a year's ground-rent in advance for the lot on Chestnut Street be approved, and that a building for the use of this Grand Lodge of a value not exceeding $20,000 be erected on the rear of said lot, the same to be proceeded on as early as possible in the year 1809.

Resolved, That the said New Hall Committee be directed to call in the mean time on the different Lodges in the city, and upon brethren, for their subscriptions either as donations or loans towards erecting the said building; said moneys when collected to be placed out in some productive fund by the Grand Treasurer, with the approbation of the R. W. Grand Master, and that they be authorized to sell, and the Trustees to convey such parts of said lot as the said Committee may think necessary; also to sell the lot in Walnut Street, formerly the property of Brother Dean, who presented the same to this Grand Lodge. And the Trustees thereof to convey

the same, for the purpose of more effectually carrying the said building into effect.

Brother Bradford having signified a wish to decline serving as a member of the New Hall Committee, Brother Tibonte was appointed in his room.

Adjourned Grand Quarterly Communication.

Philadelphia, Monday, 21st March, A. D. 1808.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 88, 91, 102, 103, 105.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That Lodge No. 102, held at the Fox Chase, at Joppa, in Jenkintown, Montgomery County, be authorized to remove to the Borough of Frankford in Philadelphia County.

A letter from Brother William Bell, late W. M. of Lodge No. 62, dated Reading, 29th December last, was read as follows:

"I am now at a loss to know what to do or say about our Lodge. There has been no election for Officers, and on St. John's Day only a few met, and in the manner the brethren attend, it seems a folly to continue together any longer, and how that would be taken by the Grand Lodge we would wish to know; for three or four to meet and not be able to do any business, seems like pulling against the wind and making no way; at the same time I wish to mention that it is the opinion of the most respectable part of the brethren, that to continue in this way is doing no honor to ourselves, nor any good to the Grand Lodge, nor the craft in general; be pleased to communicate this to the Grand Lodge, and you will be so good and let me know their opinion; but if that can't soon be done, you perhaps will be able to answer this yourself."

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report:

"Brother Mathieu Dupotet, the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of the R. W. Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo and Cuba,

acknowledges the great favor done to them by the approving of their work, and giving to their former powers an extension, whereby they are enabled to continue with regularity, to watch over the many Brethren residing in a country where Masonry was almost unknown, and wherein its progress must be but slow and difficult.

"The Provincial Grand Master states that Lodge No. 98 has been permitted to resume its labors at St. Iago, and that the other addresses and petitions of Lodges No. 88 and 98 have been withdrawn and the Masonic trowel has covered the dark characters therein designed.

"He states that the Provincial Grand Lodge cannot sufficiently praise your wisdom in adopting the only means which could restore harmony, and without which Masonry would have necessarily fallen in a state beyond remedy. They promised to do everything in their power to promote so good, so wise and so benevolent intentions, and will endeavor to render themselves more and more worthy of the confidence and approbation of the Grand Lodge, etc."

The Committee on Correspondence made a report on the different communications received from other Grand Lodges in which occurs the following:

"A communication from the Grand Lodge of Ireland to the Grand Lodge of England says: That for some time past a riotous and turbulent faction has existed among the Fraternity in Ireland, but which more particularly manifested itself on the 5th of June, 1806, when a number of persons, at that time unknown to the Grand Lodge, though claiming to be Freemasons from the North of that kingdom (Ireland), did assemble and obtrude themselves into the Grand Lodge, and there attempted by force of numbers alone, to pass certain resolutions, subversive of the true principles and usages of Masonry, and the said persons after the Grand Lodge had been duly closed by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens at a late hour, and after the Grand Officers and most of the representatives of the Dublin Lodges had retired, did affect to re-open the Grand Lodge, to rescind several of its solemn and deliberate acts, to remove from their situation two of the most respectable officers of the Grand Lodge, and to substitute other persons in their places contrary to the established laws and usages of the Craft, and that Alexander Seton,

late Deputy Grand Secretary, appears to have been at the head of, and acting, aiding, and assisting in said illegal faction, and when called upon to deliver up the muniments and property in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, refused to comply therewith; whereupon the Grand Lodge of Ireland upon the 2d day of April last, expelled the said Alexander Seton from all his masonic rights and privileges; whereupon the Grand Lodge of England unanimously *Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge shall not upon any account receive or acknowledge any certificate issued by and under the hand of the said Alexander Seton bearing date at any time subsequent to the 5th of June, 1806, neither shall any person by virtue of such certificate be thereby received into any Lodge under the sanction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, nor shall any such person receive the honors of masonry amongst us."

Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That a similar resolution as that of the Grand Lodge of England, be now adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and a copy thereof be sent to each of the subordinate Lodges in this city.

Resolved, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to make an allowance of twenty-seven dollars to the Royal Arch Chapter No. 52, in their account of rent, for expenditures made by them in fitting up the room for the Royal Arch.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write to the several Grand Lodges, informing them of the number who have coincided in opinion in meeting in Grand Convention in the city of Philadelphia, and that the said meeting be held in November instead of May, 1808.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 6th June, 1808.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 19, 21, 45, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 88, 91, 103, 105, 108.

The New Hall Committee made report in the words following, to wit:

To the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

The New Hall Committee beg leave to report, That they have attended to the business of their appointment, have had several meetings, have made considerable progress in the subscription opened for the individual members of the society, that the prospect is flattering.

That the Committee have made inquiry concerning the materials and find that the necessary lumber should be procured as soon as possible, that this same may be duly seasoned, which cannot be done until the R. W. Grand Lodge shall have adopted a plan agreeably to which only the bill of lumber can be made out. That the Committee should be authorized to contract for materials and with the different workmen, in order to avoid every sort of disappointment injurious to the interests of the Grand Lodge.

That the Committee are of opinion, that the building should be covered with slate, which would be the means of rendering it more secure, and of effecting the insurance at a much lower premium. Your Committee beg leave to recommend the adopting of the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge adopt the plan of a building, eighty-one feet in front, by sixty-nine in depth, as submitted to their consideration by the New Hall Committee, on the seventh day of March last past.

2. *Resolved*, That the New Hall Committee be authorized to contract in behalf of the Grand Lodge, for all necessary materials and with the different workmen, and that such contract shall be binding on the Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge consider it highly expedient that the New Hall be covered with slate, and that the Committee are requested to have it done accordingly.

(Signed) P. Le Barbier Duplessis,
George A. Baker,
Richard Tybout,
Robert McCullagh,
Thomas Passmore.

June 6th, 5808.

First resolution was unanimously adopted.

Second and third resolutions were postponed until the Grand Quarterly communication in September next.

MASONIC HALL in Chesnut Street PHILADELPHIA. —

Built 1810 *Burnt 1828.*

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On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, The Committee of Correspondence, in their communication with the different Grand Lodges, state the Grand Convention to be held in Philadelphia, on the first Monday of May next, instead of November next.

A petition was read from divers brethern praying for a warrant for holding a Lodge at Connellsville in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to be called "Youghiogania Lodge," and that Bro. Thomas G. Gibson may be named Master, Bro. David Stewart, Senior Warden, and Bro. Joseph Gibson, Junior Warden of the same.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Bro. Grand Secretary make out a warrant accordingly, that the said Lodge be No. 110.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That the New Hall Committee be instructed to advertise for proposals, to be given in from the different builders, as to the expense of erecting the New Hall, and that they report at the next communication a statement of what fund they are possessed of, either by subscription or otherwise, in order to carry the same into effect.

Grand General Communication.

St. John's Day, Philadelphia, Friday, 24th June, A. D. 1808.

Present: Bro. Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, Esq., R. W. D. G. M., in the Chair.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 52, 59, 67, 70, 71, 77, 98, 103, 105, 108.

The R. W. D. G. Master informed the Brethern of the reasons why the R. W. Grand Master could not meet with them this morning.

Bro. Duplessis, from the New Hall Committee, informed the Grand Lodge that the R. W. Past Grand Master Bell had offered to the said Committee the sum of eighteen hundred dollars in cash, for the lot formerly Bro. Dean's, which was the highest offer that had been made in cash, and requested to know whether it was the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to accept Bro. Bell's offer; whereupon, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the said offer be accepted.

Grand Quarterly Communication.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, 5th September, 1808.

Present: Bro. JAMES MILNOR, Esq., R. W. Grand Master.

Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 45, 51, 52, 59, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 77, 81, 84, 91, 98, 100, 102, 103, 105, 108.

[Lodge No. 50 at West Chester, in making their returns, reported that one Daniel Smith had applied to be admitted as a visitor, and that upon a strict examination there appeared just reason to believe that he was an impostor.]

A letter was then read from the said Daniel Smith as follows:

JOHN WELLS, ESQ., G. SEC. OF G. L. OF NEW YORK:

DEAR SIR: In the month of December, 1806, I called on you as you were the Secretary of the G. L., and by referring to your documents, you will perhaps find I deposited my diploma from Constellation Lodge and received one from the G. L. of New York from under your hand. You, no doubt, recollect that Constellation Lodge has no number. I made application to enter a Lodge in this County sitting at West Chester, No. 50, formerly at the White House, and because I had no number to my Lodge that I was made in, I was rejected and returned on their minutes a clandestine or something to the same effect, and reported to the different Lodges of the United States. I therefore earnestly beseech you to communicate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and explain the cause of their not being all numbered in York State. And also demand of this Grand Lodge to call to an account this Lodge at West Chester for their usage towards me. As I demanded a committee a second time to examine me, but they positively refused as they said there could be no lawful mason without a number to the Lodge. It is now a duty incumbent on you to assist and free me from this trouble; an immediate communication will be thankfully acknowledged by

Your obedient and humble servant,

DANIEL SMITH.

A letter from the Grand Secretary of New York was also read as follows:

New York, 20th May, A. D. 1808.

R. W. Bro.: The inclosed letter I received a few days ago from the Brother who will hand you this, he having, since he wrote it, come on to this city himself. The nature of his complaint you will perceive from the letter itself, and whatever other information you may want from him he will of course afford you. I do not know that there is anything on the subject that I can add, except to confirm the circumstances respecting his certificate, which are stated by him in his letter. Great irregularity in the numbering of our Lodges having taken place, no numbers for several years past have been added to the Lodges that have been established in our State. Constellation Lodge is of this description, and I made a special memorandum to that effect on the certificate that I gave to Bro. Smith. He feels the conduct of the Lodge towards him of which he complains, an imputation on his masonic character which he is desirous of having removed in a proper manner: you will therefore have the goodness to suggest to him the measures which it will be proper for him to take for that purpose.

The usual Masonic Communications from the Grand Lodge of this State to that of Pennsylvania, have for some time past been suspended, owing to causes unnecessary now to enumerate; but it is my intention immediately after the next meeting of our Grand Lodge, which takes place this week, to renew them on our part, and to continue them with punctuality.

I am, etc.,

John Wells, G. Sec. G. L. of New York.

Whereupon it was ordered, That Bro. Grand Secretary transmit to Lodge No. 50 copies of the foregoing letters.

A return for dispensations to constitute Lodge No. 109, held at St. Genevieve, Louisiana Territory, was read. That said Lodge was duly constituted on 14th November last. That No. 110, held at Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, was duly constituted on first July last.

Bro. Duplessis, on behalf of the New Hall Committee, reported, That the same Committee had made considerable progress in the business given them in charge, and prayed further time to report finally.

That resolution of twenty-fourth of June last, authorizing the

New Hall Committee to sell the lot (late Bro. Dean's) to Bro. Bell, be rescinded. That the Committee have leave to sell the same as soon as possible.

Bro. Thomas Passmore offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That application be made to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, to grant the R. W. Grand Lodge, permission to raise by way of a lottery, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be applied to the erection of a new Masonic Hall, and paying off the whole or part of the ground rent on the lot in Chestnut Street, lately purchased of William Waln.

Resolved, That application be made to the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, to pass an act authorizing ———— [on behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge] to transfer and give a good title to the lot of ground situated at the southwest corner of Walnut and Twelfth Streets, formerly the property of Bro. Dean.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Which resolutions were ordered to lie over for consideration at the next adjourned communication.

On motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of making application to the trustees of the legacy devised by the late John Keble for charitable purposes, for a portion of said legacy for a charity fund for this said Grand Lodge.

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MASONIC LODGES

IN

PENNSYLVANIA,

FROM

1730 TO 1880,

"MODERNS" AND "ANCIENTS,"

WITH

DATES OF ORGANIZATION, ETC.

COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS FOR THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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In preparing this, the first list of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania, care has been taken to make it as nearly perfect as possible. For the earlier dates, the records are not complete, owing to the loss of many valuable Masonic records during the Revolutionary War. It is regretted that up to the present time, nothing has been found of the records of the Lodges formed prior to 1754, holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, known now as a matter of distinction only, as the "moderns." We have heard intimations of some such records being in existence; time will, however, determine whether this be true or not. It will be noted that in some instances the numbers of Lodges are duplicated, there is no explanation for this that we can make; we find them so, and so we give them.

LIST OF LODGES.

Those marked * now at work under Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

FROM GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, LONDON (MODERNS), ORGANIZED 1717.

Philadelphia, Lodge, at the Tun Tavern, Water Street, Wm. Allen, M., 1730.

Philadelphia, Saint John's Lodge, James Pogrew, M., 1749.

Philadelphia, Tun Lodge, in Lodge Alley, No. 3, ———— 1753 or 1754.

The latter Lodge continued in existence until about 1793.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

FROM THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTION, 1754, KNOWN AS THE ANCIENTS OR SECEDERS.

***No. 1.*—Vacant.**—(Claimed as their right by the Grand Lodge. [This is erased from the minute book.])

No. 1, *in Pennsylvania.*] [*No.* 89, *in England.*

KELLY, GRAND MASTER!

WM. DICKEY, S.G.W. WM. OSBORN, D.G.M. J. GIBSON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern:

We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by his Royal Highness, Prince Edwin, at York, in the year of our Lord nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pittenween, etc., in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Osborn, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Gibson, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, etc., with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges, held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren (that are now or hereafter may become inhabitants) in the Province of Pennsylvania, to form and hold a Grand Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, in the said Province, independent of any former dispensation, warrant or constitution granted (by us or our predecessors) to any part of America; and we do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint our trusty and dearly-beloved brother, the Right Worshipful William Ball, Esquire, our Provincial Grand Master in Pennsylvania aforesaid, and the territories thereunto belonging; our trusty and well-beloved brother, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, his Deputy Grand Master; our trusty and well-beloved brother, Mr. David Hall, his Senior Grand Warden; and our trusty and well-beloved brother, Mr. Hugh Lennox, his Junior Grand Warden, etc. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Messrs. William Ball, Esquire, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, David Hall, and Hugh Lennox to grant dispensations, warrants, or constitutions for the forming, holding, and well governing Lodges within his Worship's jurisdiction aforesaid; and in his (or such other Lodge or Lodges by him authorized), to make and admit Freemasons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world; and we do also farther empower and appoint

the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to hear and determine all and singular matters relating to the Craft within the territories and jurisdiction aforesaid, strictly requiring all our loving brethren within the said jurisdiction to be comfortable to all and every of the good rules, orders, issues, and decrees that shall from time to time be ordered, issued, or decreed by the said Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and lastly, we do hereby further authorize and empower our said trusty and dearly-beloved brethren, Messrs. William Ball, Esquire, Captain Blaithwaite Jones, David Hall, and Hugh Lennox, with advice and consent of Warranted Lodges within the jurisdiction aforesaid, to nominate, choose, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant and invest them with all their powers and dignities as Freemasons. And such successors shall in like manner nominate, choose, and install their successors, etc , etc., etc., such installation to be upon (or near) every St. John's (the Evangelist's) Day during the continuance of this Lodge forever. Providing that the above-named brethren, and all their successors, pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge in London, the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty and four, and the year of Masonry, 5764.

LAU DERMOTT,
Grand Secretary.

N.B.—This warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge in London, Vol. 3d, Letter C, and bears date July 15th, 1761.

No. 2. ****Philadelphia.***—Old warrant surrendered, being No. 69 of England —new warrant granted with privileges of seniority, Feb. 10, 1780.

WM. BALL, Grand Master.
JOHN COATS, Deputy Grand Master.

ALEX. RUTHERFORD, Senior Grand Warden.
JACOB S. HOWELL, Junior Grand Warden.

To all whom it may concern:

[L. S.] WHEREAS, by a Warrant bearing Date the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons, in the city of London, supersigned by the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable, William, Earl of Bleisinton, Grand Master, William Holford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Robert Goodman, Senior Grand Warden, Wm. Osborne, Junior Grand Warden, and undersigned Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary. With the approbation and consent of Forty-seven regular York Lodges, the following Brethren, viz.: the Worshipful George Brook, Master, Joseph Croker, Senior Warden, and John Macauly, Junior Warden (with their lawful assistants), were authorized and appointed to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the city of Philadelphia, or elsewhere, in the Province of Pennsylvania, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated), to admit, enter, and make Masons according to the Ancient and honorable custom of Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world; and also with the further right, privilege, and authority to nominate, choose, and instal their successors, as by the said warrant (reference being hereunto had) may more fully appear. And, Whereas, the said warrant, which was Registered as No. 69 of Ancient York Masons, in England, but has been held as No. 2 in Pennsylvania (being the eldest Warrant under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons which is now in this State), hath been sur-

rendered up to us, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by the present officers and Brethren of the said Lodge No. 2, praying that the same may be renewed, establishing and confirming them and their successors (under the authority of this Grand Lodge) in the Rank, Dignity, Preheminence, and Masonic Privileges to which they are duly entitled by their said former warrant, inasmuch as the present situation of affairs permits them not to hold that correspondence with the Grand Lodge (from whence they derived their original authority) which the laudable customs and rules of Masonry require. Now, be it known, to all whom it may concern, That we, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the District of America, associated and united under our authority, viz.: The Right Worshipful William Ball, Esq., Grand Master, John Coats, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, Mr. Alexander Rutherford, Senior Grand Warden, and Mr. Jacob Samuel Howell, Junior Grand Warden, with the full authority and consent of twenty-four regular Lodges under our Jurisdiction, Do hereby renew and confirm to our trusty and well-beloved Brethren Jacob Bankson, Esq., Master, Mr. Samuel Jervis, Senior Warden, Mr. William Cornelius Bradford, Junior Warden, and the other regular and lawful members of the said Lodge No. 2, of Ancient York Masons, in *Philadelphia*, and to their true and lawful successors for ever, all the Masonic Rights, Privileges, Authority, Jurisdiction, and Preheminence, which (by their said Original Warrant herein above referred to and in part recited) they are, or may be, in any manner or way entitled to hold and enjoy; Provided, always, that the above-named Brethren and members of the said Lodge, and their successors, continue at all times to pay due respect and obedience to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, agreeably to the Rules and Ordinances lawfully made, or to be made, for the Benefit of Masonry, and the advancement of our Royal Craft, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or virtue.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1780, and of Masonry 5780.

JNO. WOOD, Grand Treasurer.

WILLIAM SMITH, Grand Secretary.

Recorded this 17th day of January, 1783.

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR., Dy Gd Secy.

No. 3. ***Philadelphia.**—October 20, 1767.

***No. 4.*—Philadelphia.**—December 28, 1772.

***No. 5.*—Cantwell's Bridge, Delaware.**—Warrant granted June 24, 1765. Surrendered and renewed March 5, 1798. Warrant surrendered January 30, 1816, to join Grand Lodge of Delaware.

***No. 6.*—Georgetown, on Sassafras, Eastern Shore, Maryland.** Granted May 23, 1766, surrendered May 3, 1790.

***No. 7.*—Chestertown, Kent Co., Maryland.**—Not known when granted. Has joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

***No. 8.*—Philadelphia.**—Granted June 24, 1766, surrendered and renewed January 26, 1789, and removed to Norristown, Montgomery County.

No. 9. ***Philadelphia.**—Not known when granted, but being surrendered December 18, 1779, was granted on August 3, 1780, to a branch of No. 4, and now held in the city of Philadelphia.

***No. 10.*—Baskinridge and its vicinity, New Jersey.**—Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

***No. 11.*—Newtown, Bucks County.**—Granted August 17, 1768, surrendered December 24, 1781. New warrant granted to branch of No.—— and held at a place called the Half-way House, London Grove township, in Chester county, on February 16, 1782, surrendered and renewed March 7, 1791.

***No. 12.*—Bucks County, Pennsylvania.**—Granted and surrendered, not known when.

***No. 12.*—Winchester, Virginia.**—Granted October 4, 1768, surrendered and renewed March 17, 1787. Surrendered January 5, 1807, to join Grand Lodge of Virginia.

***No. 13.*—Philadelphia.**—July 29, 1779. Warrant surrendered April, 1791. Vacated.

***No. 14.*—Christiana Ferry, afterwards at Wilmington, Delaware.**—Granted December 27, 1769, surrendered and renewed January 22, 1789. Vacated September 15, 1806, for unmasonic proceedings in the establishment of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware.

***No. 15.*—Falls Point, Maryland.**—Granted January 28, 1770, surrendered May 3, 1790.

***No. 16.*—Baltimore.**—Granted September 21, 1779. Ceased long since.

***No. 17.*—Chester Mills, Queens Town, Queen Anns County, Maryland.**—Granted September 16, 1773, surrendered May 3, 1790.

***No. 18.*—In the 17th British Regiment of Foot called Unity Lodge.**—During the American revolution this warrant fell into the hands of the American army. Gen. Parsons returned the warrant with the following letter:

West Jersey Highlands, July 23, 1779.

Brethren:—When the ambition of monarchs or jarring interest of contending States, call forth their subjects to war, as Masons we are disarmed of that resentment which stimulates to undistinguished desolation; and however our political sentiments may impel us in the public dispute, we are still Brethren, and (our professional duty apart) ought to promote the happiness and advance the weal of each other. Accept therefore, at the hands of a Brother, the Constitution of the Lodge Unity, No. 18, to be held in the 17th British Regiment which your late misfortunes have put in my power to restore to you.

I am your Brother and obedient servant,

SAMUEL H. PARSONS.

(Addressed to Master and Wardens of Lodge Unity, No. 18, upon the Registry of England.) The last communication from said Lodge was from Shelburne, in June, 1786.

***No. 18.*—Dover, Kent County, Delaware.**—Granted August 26, 1775, surrendered and renewed May 31, 1787.

***No. 19.*—A Regimental Warrant for the Pennsylvania Artillery,** in the service of the United States. Granted May 18, 1779. Surrendered.

No. 19. ***Philadelphia.**—January, 1787. Named "**Montgomery.**" June 6, 1836.

***No. 20.*—A Regimental Warrant for North Carolina.**— Not known when granted. Vacated.

No. 21. ***Lodge Perseverance, held in Lower Paxton, Lancaster County, now at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.**—Granted October 4, 1779. Surrendered and renewed March 15, 1787.

No. 22. ***Sunbury, Northumberland.**—Granted October 4, 1779. Surrendered and renewed.

***No. 23.*—Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey.**—Granted December 29, 1779. Joined the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

***No. 24.*—Reading, Bucks County.**—Granted January 26, 1780. Vacated,

No. 25. ***Bristol, Bucks County.**—Granted March 15, 1780, surrendered December 31, 1801, re-established January 6, 1812.

***No. 26.*—Carlisle, Cumberland County.**—Granted March 19, 1780. Surrendered.

***No. 27.*—Military Lodge in Maryland Line.**—Granted April 4, 1780. Vacated.

***No. 27.*—Charleston, South Carolina.**—Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

***No. 28.*—Pennsylvania Line.**—Not known when granted. Vacated.

***No. 29.*—Military Line, Pennsylvania.**—Granted August 4, 1780, surrendered December 20, 1784.

***No. 29.*—Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland.**—Not known when granted. Joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

No. 30.—Altogether unknown whether there was a Warrant of this No. or not.

***No. 31.*—Traveling Warrant, Philadelphia County, Wentz's Tavern.**—Not known when granted. Vacated. John Church, M.; J. A. Aull, S. W.; John Wentz, J. W.

***No. 31.*—Norristown.**—Granted March 26, 1781, surrendered and renewed December 14, 1789. Vacated for delinquency April 6, 1806.

***No. 32.*—Burlington, New Jersey.**—Granted March 26, 1781, surrendered April, 1787, to join the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

***No. 33.*—New Castle and at Christiana Bridge, one year at one place and the ensuing year at the other. Delaware.**—Granted April 3, 1780, surrendered and renewed March 1, 1790. Vacated September 15, 1806, for unmasonic conduct in the formation of the pretended Grand Lodge of Maryland.

***No. 34.*—Talbot County, Maryland.**—Granted July 12, 1781, surrendered May 3, 1790.

***No. 35.*—Joppa, Harford County, Maryland.**—Granted February 1, 1782. Ceased long since.

***No. 36.*—Travelling Lodge to be held in the respective Cantonments of the New Jersey Brigade.**—Military warrant for the Jersey line, September 2, 1782. Rev. Andrew Hunter, M.; Capt. Joseph Inslay Anderson, S. W.; Capt. Aaron Ogden, J. W. Surrendered December 20, 1784.

WM. BALL, Grand Master.
ALEX. RUTHERFORD, Deputy Grand Master.

WILL. ADCOCK, Senior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM MCILVAINE, Junior Grand Warden.

To all whom it may concern:

We, the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons according to the Old Institution held at Philadelphia, for the Province of Pennsylvania, by virtue of a provincial Grand Warrant, from the Grand Lodge in London, in Great Britain, whereof then the Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Viscount Fenton, Lord Baron of Pittenweem, etc., in Great Britain, was Grand Master of Masons, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Osborne, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful James Gibson, Esquire, Junior Grand Warden, under their hands and the seal of their Grand Lodge, constituting and appointing the Right Worshipful William Ball, Esquire, Grand Master of Masons for the Province of Pennsylvania and the territories thereunto belonging, the Right Worshipful Captain Blaithwaite Jones, Deputy Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Mr. David Hall, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Mr. Hugh Lennox, Junior Grand Warden, authorizing and empowering them and their successors to grant Dispensations, Warrants, and Constitutions for the forming, holding and governing Lodges within their jurisdiction as by the said Warrant bearing date the Twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty and four, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred sixty and four. Reference being thereunto had may more at large appear.

Now Know Ye, that We, William Ball, Grand Master, Alexander Rutherford, Deputy Grand Master, William Adcock, Senior Grand Warden, William McIlvaine, Junior Grand Warden, present and legal successors to the above-named Provincial Grand Officers, as by the Grand Lodge Books may appear, by virtue of the power to us granted by the above in part recited Warrant, do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well-beloved Brethren, the Rev. Andrew Hunter (present Chaplain to the New Jersey Brigade), Master, Captain Joseph Insley Anderson, Senior Warden, Captain Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden of a new travelling Lodge, Number Thirty-six, to be held in the respective Cantonments of the aforesaid New Jersey Brigade, and not elsewhere. And we do further authorize and empower our said Brethren, the Reverend Andrew Hunter, Master, Captain Joseph Insley Anderson, Senior Warden, and Captatn Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden, to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations thro'out the known World and not contrary-wise (and this Grand Lodge doth by the Powers vested in them, strictly enjoin and require that no Citizens be initiated under the said Travelling Warrant Number Thirty-six while in the vicinity of any Lodge of Ancient Free Masons within the United States of America, excepted only when special Dispensations shall be granted for the purpose aforesaid by the Grand Master, or, in his absence, by the Deputy Grand Master of such Grand Lodge wheresoever this Lodge may be convened). And we do further empower and appoint our said Brethren and their successors to hear and determine all and singular Matters and things relating to the Craft within the jurisdiction of Lodge Number Thirty-six. And lastly we do hereby authorize and empower our said Trusty and well-beloved Brethren the Rev'd Andrew Hunter, Master, Cap'n Joseph Insley Anderson, Senior Warden, and Captain Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden, to nominate, chuse, and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this warrant and invest them with all their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons. And such successors shall in like man-

ner nominate, chuse, and install their successors, etc., etc., etc. Such installation to be upon or near St. John the Evangelist's day, during the continuance of this Lodge. Provided always, that the above-named Brethren and their successors pay due respect to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge from whom they have their Authority, otherwise this warrant to be of no Force or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, this second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and of Masonry five thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

JOSEPH HOWELL, JR.,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

CHAS. YOUNG,
Grand Treasurer.

***No. 37.*—Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland.**—Granted September 2, 1782. Joined the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

***No. 38.*—Charlestown, South Carolina.**—Granted December 23, 1782. Surrendered.

***No. 39.*—Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia.**—Granted February 3, 1783. Joined the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

***No. 40.*—St. Andrews Lodge, Charlestown, South Carolina.**—Granted July 12, 1783, surrendered and renewed May 25, 1787. Surrendered September 24, 1787. Joined the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

***No. 41.*—Portsmouth, Virginia.**—Granted June 26, 1784, surrendered and renewed June 24, 1790. Vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 42.*—Savannah, Georgia.**—Granted October 29, 1784. Joined the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

***No. 43.* *Lancaster.**—Granted April 21, 1785, surrendered and renewed July 14, 1787.

***No. 44.*—Duck Creek Cross Roads, Delaware.**—Granted June 24, 1785, surrendered and renewed September 6, 1790. Has ceased long since.

***No. 45.* *Pittsburgh.**—Granted December 27, 1785, surrendered and renewed March 27, 1787.

***No. 46.*—Church Town, Lancaster County.**—Granted June 7, 1790. Removed to Ephrata, June 2, 1800. Vacated April 7, 1806, reinstated Sept. 1, 1806. Removed to New Holland, November 16, 1812; to Ephrata, June 24, 1813; to Litiz, September 4, 1826.

***No. 46.*—Cape Francois.**—Granted February 3, 1786. Returned.

***No. 47.*—Charleston, South Carolina.**—Granted November 22, 1786. Surrendered.

***No. 47.*—Reading, Pennsylvania.**—Granted December 27, 1786, surrendered June 7, 1790.

***No. 47.*—Union of Franco-American Hearts at Port au Prince, St. Domingo.**—Granted December 18, 1789, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 48.*—Bedford.**—Granted December 28, 1789, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 49.*—Moreland Township, Montgomery County.**—Granted September 6, 1790. Warrant not issued and vacated.

***No. 50.*—Sign of the White Horse, East White Land, Chester County.**—Granted December 6, 1790, moved to the borough of West Chester, January 5, 1807.

***No. 51.* *Philadelphia.**—Granted April 11, 1791.

***No. 52.* *Harmony Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 25, 1792.

***No. 53.*—Lodge of St. Louis, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 25, 1792.

***No. 54.*—Town of Washington, Washington County.**—Granted June 25, 1792, vacated April 4, 1814.

***No. 55.*—Huntingdon, Huntingdon County.** Granted July 12, 1792, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 56.*—Carlisle.**—Granted October 29, 1792, vacated June 7, 1802, for unmasonic conduct.

***No. 57.*—Newtown, Bucks County.**—Granted March 4, 1793, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 58.*—In the Army of the United States.**—Granted March 25, 1793. Ceased. Said that nearly all the members were killed in the Indian War.

***No. 59.* *Washington Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 3, 1793.

***No. 60.* *Lodge of Hope and Good Intention, Fort Burd, commonly called Brownsville, Fayette County.**—Granted December 7, 1793.

***No. 61.* *Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.**—Granted February 13, 1794.

***No. 62.* *Reading, Reading, Berks County.**—Granted March 31, 1794.

***No. 63.*—Lewis Town, Delaware.**—Granted May 28, 1794, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 64.*—Greensburg, Westmoreland County.**—Granted March 17, 1795.

***No. 65.*—Great Bend of Susquehanna River, Luzerne County.**—Granted April 11, 1795. Surrendered October 16, 1809.

***No. 66.*—Robinson Township, Berks County.**—Granted June 1, 1795.

***No. 67.* *Concordia Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted September 7, 1795.

***No. 68.*—Town of Mifflin, Mifflin County.**—Granted March 21, 1796, vacated April 4, 1814.

No. 69.—**Chester, Delaware County.**—Granted June 24, 1796.

No. 70. ***Rural Amity, Tyoga Point, now Athens, Luzerne County.**—Granted July 6, 1796.

No. 71. ***Philadelphia.**—Granted September 5, 1796, name of Lodge changed to **La Fayette** by virtue of dispensation from James Harper, Grand Master, September 26, 1825.

No. 72. ***Philadelphia.**—Granted December 27, 1796.

No. 73.—**French Lodge L'Amenity, Philadelphia.**—Granted May 20, 1797.

No. 74.—**Town of Concord, Fannet Township, Franklin County.**—Granted December 27, 1797, vacated April 7, 1806.

No. 75. ***Pugh Town, Coventry Township, now Phœnixville, Chester County.**—Granted March 5, 1798.

No. 76.—**Newville, Cumberland County.**—Granted March 5, 1798, vacated April 7, 1806.

No. 77.—**Lodge Les Freres Unis, Port D' Espagne, Trinidad.** Granted July 10, 1798.

No. 78.—**Old Mingo Town, North Western Territory.**—Granted March 4, 1799, vacated April 7, 1806.

No. 79.—**Chambersburg.**—Granted March 4, 1799.

No. 80.—**Unity Lodge to be held at the United States Arms Inn, in Sadsbury Township, Chester County.**—Granted June 3, 1799, September 1, 1800, moved to Sign of the Rising Sun, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, April 7, 1801; April 7, 1801, moved to Sign of the Plough, Sadsbury Township, Chester County, vacated October 3, 1808, for unmasonic conduct.

No. 81. ***Hyram Lodge, Germantown, now Chestnut Hill.**—Granted March 17, 1800.

No. 82.—**Milford, Wayne County.**—Granted April 25, 1800.

No. 83.—**St. Tammany's Lodge, Damascus Township, Wayne County.**—To be held at the house of Daniel Skinner, Sr. Granted June 24, 1800.

No. 84.—**Somerset.**—Granted December 1, 1800.

No. 85.—**Alexandria, Huntingdon County.**—Granted December 1, 1800.

No. 86.—No Warrant Granted of this number.

No. 87.—**Lodge Les Freres Re-unis, at the Cape in St. Domingo.**—Granted December 15, 1800, vacated April 7, 1806.

No. 88.—**Lodge La Concorde, at St. Mark in St. Domingo.**—Granted May 4, 1801, vacated April 7, 1806, reinstated September 15, 1806, surrendered September 4, 1809.

No. 89.—**Lodge Les Freres Sincerement Re-unis, Aux Cayes, du Fond de L' Isle a Vachas, St. Domingo.**—Granted May 4, 1801, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 90.*—Lodge La Candeur, New Orleans.**—Granted May 18, 1801, surrendered March 1, 1802.

***No. 91.* *Columbia Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted September 7, 1801.

***No. 92.*—Union Lodge, Uniontown.**—Granted December 21, 1801, surrendered April 5, 1819.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo, was established January 9, 1802, vacated by delinquency April 7, 1806, reinstated September 15, 1806, and the jurisdiction extended to the Island of Cuba.

***No. 93.*—Lodge La Charitie, New Orleans.**—Granted March 1, 1802. Joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

***No. 94.*—Orange Lodge, New Hope, Coryells Ferry.**—Granted June 24, 1802.

***No. 95.*—Lodge La Humilite.**—Established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo, at LUSÉ Á VEAU, ST. DOMINGO.—Granted December 6, 1802, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 96.*—The Delaware Hiram Lodge, Newark, Delaware.**—Granted December 6, 1802, vacated September 15, 1806, for unmasonic conduct in the formation of the pretended Grand Lodge of Delaware.

***No. 97.*—Lodge Parfaite Harmonie, St. Domingo.**—Established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo. Granted September 5, 1803, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 98.*—La Perseverance, at Abricots, St. Domingo.**—Established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo. Granted September 5, 1803, vacated April 7, 1806, reinstated March 21, 1808, finally vacated October 27, 1810.

***No. 99.*—La Temple du Bonheur, at Arcahaye, St. Domingo.**—Established by the Provincial Grand Lodge of St. Domingo.—Granted December 5, 1803, vacated April 7, 1806.

***No. 100.*—Rising Sun, at Bloomsburg, Northumberland County.**—Granted March 5, 1804.

***No. 101.*—Palmstown, Londonderry Township, Dauphin County.**—Granted June 7, 1804, vacated April 4, 1814.

***No. 102.*—Jerusalem Lodge, at Joppa, near Jenkintown, Montgomery County.**—Granted September 3, 1804. Removed to FRANKFORD, March 21, 1808.

***No. 103.*—Le Temple des Vertus Theologales, Havanna, Cuba.**—Granted December 17, 1804.

***No. 104.*—Philanthropic Lodge, Leacock Township, Lancaster County.**—Granted January 21, 1805.

***No. 105.*—Lodge of Amity, Zanesville, Ohio.**—Granted June 24, 1805. Permission granted to meet either on the Zanesville or Springfield side of the river. Warrant surrendered December 29, 1813, and joined the Grand Lodge of Ohio, April 7, 1806.

No. 106. ***Williamsport, Lycoming County.**—Granted March 3, 1806.

No. 107.—**The Western Star Lodge, at Kaskaskia, Indiana Territory.**—Granted June 2, 1806.

No. 108. ***Union Lodge, alternately at Wysox and Orwell, Luzerne County now Towanda.**—Granted March 2, 1807.

No. 109.—**Louisiana Lodge, at St. Genevieve, Louisiana.**—Granted July 17, 1807.

No. 110.—**Youghiogania Lodge, Connellsville, Fayette County.**—Granted June 6, 1808, surrendered November 1, 1819.

No. 111.—**St. Louis Lodge, St. Louis, Louisiana Territory.**—Granted September 15, 1808.

No. 112.—**The Desired Re-union Lodge, New Orleans, Louisiana.**—Granted September 15, 1808.

No. 113.—**Ohio Lodge, Pittsburgh.**—Granted March 6, 1809.

No. 114. ***Solomon's Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted March 6, 1809.

No. 115. ***Saint John's Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted February 3, 1810.

No. 116.—**Amicitia Lodge, Elizabethtown, Lancaster County.**—September 3, 1810. Leave granted April 4, to remove to MARIETTA, LANCASTER COUNTY.

No. 117.—**Lodge La Concorde, New Orleans, Louisiana.**—Granted October 27, 1810, surrendered April 19, 1813. Joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

No. 118.—**Lodge La Perseverance, New Orleans, Louisiana.**—Granted October 27, 1810, surrendered March 19, 1813. Joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

No. 119.—**Clifford, Luzerne County.**—Granted October 27, 1810. Formed of members of Lodge No. 65, at Great Bend. Surrendered November 20, 1811.

No. 120.—**Liberty Lodge, Tioga, Tioga County.**—Granted October 27, 1810.

No. 121. ***Union Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted November 19, 1810.

No. 122.—**Harmony Lodge, New Orleans, Louisiana.**—Granted November 19, 1810.

No. 123.—**St. John's Lodge, York, York County.**—Granted November 30, 1810.

No. 124.—**Erie, Erie County.**—Granted November 30, 1810.

No. 125. ***Herman's Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted December 27, 1810.

No. 126. ***Rising Star Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted January 25, 1811.

***No. 127.*—Philanthropy Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted April 1, 1811.

***No. 128.*—Temple Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted April 1, 1811.

***No. 129.*—Lodge L'Etoile Polaire, New Orleans, Louisiana.**—Granted June 3, 1811, surrendered April 19, 1813. Joined the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

***No. 130.* *Phœnix Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 3, 1811.

***No. 131.* *Industry Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 22, 1811.

***No. 132.*—Brandywine Lodge, at the Sign of the Olive Branch, on the Downingtown and Harrisburg Turnpike Road, in the County of Chester.**—Granted September 2, 1811, removed to West Nantmeal Township, 1822, removed to Honeybrook Township.

***No. 133.*—St. James Lodge, Beaver, Beaver County.**—Granted April 6, 1812.

***No. 134.* *Franklin Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted June 24, 1812.

***No. 135.* *Roxborough Lodge, at the House of Aaron Levering, Sign of General Washington, on the Ridge Road, Philadelphia, now Manayunk.**—Granted March 1, 1813.

***No. 136.*—Friendship, at the house of Jeremiah Barret, in Abington Township, Montgomery County.**—Granted March 1, 1813.

***No. 137.*—Bedford Bath Lodge, Bedford, Bedford County.**—Granted March 20, 1813.

***No. 138.* *Schuylkill Lodge, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County.** Granted June 7, 1813.

***No. 139.*—Rising Sun Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted March 21, 1814.

No. 140.—Wherever the Worshipful Master of the said Lodge, for the time being, shall be stationed in the **Army of the United States.**—Granted September 7, 1814.

***No. 141.*—Hiram Tyrian Lodge, Halifax, Dauphin County.**—Granted June 5, 1815.

***No. 142.*—Village Lodge, Sadsbury, Chester County.**—Granted November 20, 1815.

***No. 143.* *George Washington Lodge, Chambersburg, Washington County.**—Granted January 15, 1816.

***No. 144.* *Charity Lodge, Milton, Northumberland County, now Lewisburg.**—February 5, 1816.

***No. 145.*—Church Hall Lodge, Wilkinsburgh, Allegheny County.**—February 5, 1816.

No. 146.—**Western Star Lodge, Meadville, Crawford County.**—August 5, 1816.

No. 147.—**Freedom Lodge, Bethany, Wayne County.**—August 12, 1816.

No. 148.—**Perseverance Lodge, Northumberland, Northumberland County.**—December 2, 1816.

No. 149.—**The Rising Sun Lodge, Montrose, Susquehanna County.**—December 2, 1816.

No. 150.—**Mount Moriah Lodge, Troy, Bradford County.**—December 2, 1816.

No. 151.—**Jordan Lodge, Allentown, Lehigh County.**—April 7, 1817.

No. 152. ***Easton Lodge, Easton, Northampton County.**—May 13, 1817.

No. 153. ***Waynesburgh Lodge, Waynesburgh, Green County.**—July 17, 1817.

No. 154.—**Lodge west of Schuylkill, one and three quarter miles west of Schuylkill, on the Lancaster Turnpike, in the Township of Blockley, Philadelphia County.**—Granted September 11, 1817.

No. 155. ***Mount Moriah Lodge, Philadelphia.**—Granted December 1, 1817.

No. 156. ***Washington Lodge, Chestnut Level, now Drumore Centre, Lancaster County.**—Granted February 21, 1818.

No. 157.—**Lodge La Delicias de la Havana, Havana, Cuba.**—March 2, 1818.

No. 158. ***Meridian Sun Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 2, 1818.

No. 159.—**Columbia Lodge, Danville, Columbia County.**—March 2, 1818.

No. 160.—**Lodge La Reconnaisence, Philadelphia, to be conducted in the French language.**—March 16, 1818.

No. 161.—**Lodge La Recompensa de las Virtudes, Havana, Cuba.**—May 9, 1818.

No. 162.—**Fidelity Lodge, New London Cross Roads, New London Township, Chester County.**—December, 1818.

No. 163. ***Evergreen Lodge, Towanda now Monroeton, Bradford County.**—March 1, 1819.

No. 164. ***Washington Lodge, Washington, Washington County.**—March 1, 1819.

No. 165.—**Milnor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—March 1, 1819.

No. 166.—**La Union de Regla, Regla suburbs, Havana, Cuba.**—April 5, 1819.

No. 167.—**La Fidelidad Havanera, Havana, Cuba.**—September 16, 1819.

No. 168.—**Doylestown Benevolent Lodge, Doylestown, Bucks County.**—September 6, 1719.

No. 169.—**Eastern Star Lodge, Columbia, Lancaster County.**—September 6, 1819.

No. 170.—**Hiram Lodge, Williamsport, Washington County.**—December 6, 1819.

No. 171.—**Lawrence Lodge, Pottstown, Montgomery County.**—December 6, 1819.

No. 172.—**Mount Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Lebanon County.**—December 20, 1819.

No. 173.—**Hamilton Lodge, Lawrenceville, Pitt Township, Allegheny County.**—December 27, 1819.

No. 174.—**Downington Lodge, Downington, Chester County.**—May 1, 1820.

No. 175.—**La Benevolence Lodge, St. Iago, Cuba.**—November 8, 1820.

No. 176.—**Morning Star Lodge, Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County.**—December 4, 1820.

No. 177.—**Delaware Lodge, Delaware Academy, Delaware Township, Pike County.**—June 4, 1821.

No. 178.—**Mount Moriah Lodge, Huntington, Huntington County.**—June 4, 1821.

No. 179.—**Zebulun Lodge, at William Overfields, Middlesmithfields Township, Pike County.**—September 3, 1821.

No. 180.—**Eaton Lodge, Jefferson, Greene County.**—December 2, 1821.

No. 181.—**The True Philanthropy Lodge, St. Iago, Cuba.**—April 1, 1822.

No. 182.—**Mercer Lodge, Mercer, Mercer County.**—June 3, 1822.

No. 183.—**Farmers' Lodge, at General Jackson Inn, Fredyffring Township, Chester County.**—September 12, 1822.

No. 184.—**Fairview Lodge, Fairview, Erie County.**—September 16, 1822.

No. 185.—**Franklin Lodge, Browntown, Luzerne County.**—December 27, 1822.

No. 186. ***Eastern Star Lodge, Philadelphia.**—February 3, 1823.

No. 187. ***Integrity Lodge, Philadelphia.**—February 17, 1823.

No. 188.—**Washington Lodge, Armagh, Indiana County.**—April 7, 1823.

No. 189.—**Cement Lodge, Wellsboro, Tioga County.**—June 2, 1823.

No. 190. ***Charity Lodge, Norristown, Montgomery County.**—August 2, 1823.

No. 191.—**Hermandos legitimos de la luz del Papaloapan, Alvarado, Mexico.**—March 1, 1824.

No. 192.—**The Central Lodge of Pennsylvania, Bellefonte, Centre County.**—June 7, 1824.

No. 193.—**Zion Lodge, Lewistown, Mifflin County.**—July 3, 1824.

No. 194. ***La Fayette Lodge, Selin's Grove, Snyder County.**—September 6, 1824.

No. 195.—**Philanthropy Lodge, Bean's Tavern, Warminster Township, Bucks County.**—September 6, 1824.

No. 196.—**Morning Star Lodge, Mercersburg, Franklin County.**—September 20, 1824.

No. 197. ***Cumberland Star Lodge, Carlisle, Cumberland County.**—December 6, 1824.

No. 198.—**Silentia Lodge, Shippensburg, Cumberland County.**—December 6, 1824.

No. 199. ***La Fayette Lodge, originally Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, now Lock Haven, Clinton County.**—December 6, 1824.

No. 200.—**Good Samaritan Lodge, Gettysburg, Adams County.**—December 20, 1824.

No. 201.—**Mauch Chunk Lodge, Mauch Chunk, Northampton County.**—December 27, 1824.

No. 202.—**Mt. Pizgah Lodge, Greencastle, Franklin County.**—June 6, 1825.

No. 203.—**Jackson Lodge, Mifflin, Mifflin County, now Lewistown Lodge, Lewistown, Mifflin County.**—June 6, 1825.

No. 204.—**Columbus Lodge, Tunkhannock, Luzerne County.** July 3, 1825.

No. 205.—**Southern Star Lodge, Buenos Ayres, South America.**—September 5, 1825.

No. 206.—**Unity and Concord, changed to Evening Star Lodge, house of Philo Bostwick, Middletown Township, Susquehanna County.**—September 5, 1825.

No. 207.—**Morning Dawn Lodge, house of Rowland Miles, Brooklyn Township, Susquehanna County.**—June 5, 1826.

No. 208.—**Golden Rule Lodge, Landisburg, Perry County.**—June 5, 1826.

No. 209.—**Hillsborough Union Lodge, Hillsborough, Washington County.**—September 4, 1826.

No. 210.—**Mount Zion Lodge, McConnellsburg, Bedford County.**—December 18, 1826.

No. 211. ***Kensington Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 19, 1827.

No. 212.—**Patmos Lodge, Hanover, York County.**—May 7, 1827.

No. 213.—**Montrose Lodge, Montrose, Susquehanna County.**—September 3, 1827.

No. 214.—**Summit Level Lodge, Head of Conneaut Lake, Erie County.**—December 2, 1827. Never constituted.

No. 215.—**Laurel Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County.**—June 2, 1828.

No. 216. ***Pulaski Lodge, Pottsville, Schuylkill County.**—June 6, 1831.

No. 217.—**San Juan,** under the distinctive title of **Asilo de la Virtud Lodge, Montevideo, in the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, South America.**—February 6, 1832.

No. 218. ***Honesdale Lodge, Honesdale, Wayne County.**—September 4, 1843.

No. 219. ***St. John's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—March 2, 1846.

No. 220. ***Portage Lodge, Hollidaysburg, Blair County.**—September 7, 1846.

No. 221. ***Franklin Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—September 7, 1846.

No. 222. ***Minersville, Schuylkill County.**—September 6, 1846.

No. 223. ***Allegheny Lodge, Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**—September 6, 1847.

No. 224. ***Mahoning now Danville Lodge, Danville, Montour County.**—September 6, 1847.

No. 225. ***Philanthropy Lodge, Greensburg, Westmoreland County.**—September 6, 1847.

No. 226. ***Mount Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Lebanon County.**—December 27, 1847.

No. 227. ***Chandler Lodge, Reading, Berks County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 228. ***Fayette Lodge, Uniontown, Fayette County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 229. ***Rochester Lodge, Rochester, Beaver County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 230. ***Richmond Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 231. ***Solomon's Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 232. ***La Belle Vallee Lodge, Jersey Shore, Lycoming County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 233. ***St. John's Lodge, Pittston, Luzerne County.**—March 6, 1848.

No. 234. ***Meadville now Crawford Lodge, Meadville, Crawford County.**—September 4, 1848.

No. 235.—**Presque Isle Lodge, Erie, Erie County.**—December 27, 1848.

No. 236. ***Chester Lodge, Chester, Delaware County.**—December 4, 1848.

No. 237. ***Chandler Lodge, Washington, now Beallsville, Washington County.**—December 4, 1848.

No. 238. ***Tamaqua Lodge, Tamaqua, Schuylkill County.**—June 4, 1849.

No. 239. ***Armstrong Lodge, Freeport, Armstrong County.**—March 5, 1849.

No. 240. ***Warren Lodge, Montrose, Susquehanna County.**—June 4, 1849.

No. 241. ***North Star Lodge, Warren, Warren County.**—June 4, 1849.

No. 242. ***Carbon Lodge, Mauch Chunk, Carbon County.**—March 4, 1850.

No. 243. ***Mahoning Lodge, New Castle, Lawrence County.**—December 17, 1849.

No. 244. ***Kittanning Lodge, Kittanning, Armstrong County.**—March 4, 1850.

No. 245. ***Doylestown Lodge, Doylestown, Bucks County.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 246. ***Shekinah Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 247. ***Friendship Lodge, Mansfield, Tioga County.**—July 1, 1850.

No. 248. ***Temple Lodge, Tunkhannock, Wyoming County.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 249. ***Carbondale Lodge, Carbondale, Lackawanna County.**—June 3; 1850.

No. 250. ***Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Mercer County.**—July 1, 1850.

No. 251.—**Hebron Lodge, Hebron, Mercer County.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 252. ***Gummert Lodge, Fayette City, Fayette County.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 253. ***Washington Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—June 3, 1850.

No. 254. ***Stichter Lodge, Pottstown, Montgomery County.**—March 3, 1851.

No. 255. ***Shamokin Lodge, Shamokin, Northumberland County.**—March 3, 1851.

No. 256.—**Milton Lodge, Milton, Northumberland County.**—March 3, 1851.

No. 257.—**Laurenceville Lodge, Laurenceville, Tioga County.**—June 2, 1851. Never organized.

No. 258. ***Western Crawford Lodge, Conneautville, Crawford County.**—September 1, 1851.

No. 259. ***Union Lodge, New Brighton, Beaver County.**—December 1, 1851.

No. 260. ***St. John's Lodge, Carlisle, Cumberland County.**—March 1, 1852.

No. 261. ***Hiram Lodge, Providence, Lackawanna County.**—May 1, 1851.

No. 262. ***Orrstown Lodge, Orrstown, Franklin County.**—March 1, 1852.

No. 263. ***Franklin Lodge, at Skinner's Eddy, now Laceyville, Wyoming County.**—April 5, 1852.

No. 264. ***Columbus Lodge, Columbus, Warren County.**—March 15, 1852.

No. 265. ***Washington Lodge, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.**—March 15, 1852.

No. 266. ***York Lodge, York, York County.**—September 6, 1852.

No. 267. ***Swatara Lodge, Tremont, Schuylkill County.**—December 6, 1852.

No. 268. ***Centre, now Bellefonte Lodge, Bellefonte, Centre County.**—February 21, 1853.

No. 269. ***Monongahela Lodge, Birmingham, Allegheny County.**—March 7, 1853.

No. 270. ***Page Lodge, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County.**—March 7, 1853.

No. 271. ***Keystone Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 7, 1853.

No. 272. ***Butler Lodge, Butler, Butler County.**—March 7, 1853.

No. 273. ***Cassia Lodge, Morgan's Corner, Radnor Township, Delaware County, now Ardmore, Montgomery County.**—March 7, 1853.

No. 274. ***Hamilton Lodge, West Philadelphia.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 275. ***Loyalhanna Lodge, Latrobe, Westmoreland County.**—June 6, 1853.

No. 276. ***Hobah Lodge, Brookville, Jefferson County.**—September 3, 1853.

No. 277. ***Clarion Lodge, Clarion, Clarion County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 278. ***Cambria Lodge, Johnstown, Cambria County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 279.—**Newcomb Lodge, Carmichaelstown, Greene County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 280.—**Harmony Lodge, Canton, Bradford County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 281. ***Mountain Lodge, Altoona, Blair County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 282. ***Juniata Lodge, Hollidaysburg, Blair County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 283. ***Bethlehem Lodge, Bethlehem, Northampton County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 284. ***Catasaqua now Porter Lodge, Catasaqua, Lehigh County.**—September 5, 1853.

No. 285. ***Anthracite Lodge, St. Clair, Schuylkill County.**—December 5, 1853.

No. 286. ***Columbia Lodge, Columbia, Lancaster County.**—December 19, 1853.

No. 287. ***Milnor Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—March 6, 1854.

No. 288. ***Jefferson Lodge, Allegheny City.**—March 6, 1854.

No. 289. ***Orient Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 5, 1854.

No. 290. ***Eureka Lodge, West Greenville, Mercer County.**—June 5, 1854.

No. 291. ***Union Lodge, Scranton, Luzerne County.**—September 4, 1854.

No. 292. ***Frankford Lodge, Frankford, Philadelphia County.**—September 4, 1854.

No. 293.—**Mount Moriah Lodge, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County.**—September 4, 1854. This Lodge never went into operation. Warrant subsequently given to ***No. 300.***

No. 294. ***Ashland Lodge, Ashland, Schuylkill County.**—December 4, 1854.

No. 295. ***Melita Lodge, Philadelphia.**—January 15, 1855.

No. 296. ***Mitchell Lodge, Germantown, Philadelphia County.**—December 3, 1855.

No. 297. ***Chartiers Lodge, Canonsburg, Washington County.**—March 3, 1856.

No. 298. ***George W. Bartram Lodge, Media, Delaware County.**—June 2, 1856.

No. 299. ***Muncy Lodge, Muncy, Lycoming County.**—June 16, 1856.

No. 300. ***Mount Moriah Lodge, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County.**—Issued in place of ***No. 293.***

No. 301. ***Waverly Lodge, Waverly, Luzerne County.**—June 2, 1856.

No. 302. ***Eureka Lodge, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County.**—June 16, 1856.

No. 303. ***Oil Creek Lodge, Titusville, Crawford County.**—December 1, 1856.

No. 304. ***Western Star Lodge, Albion, Erie County.**—December 1, 1856.

No. 305. ***Hawley Lodge, Hawley, Wayne County.**—December 1, 1856.

No. 306. ***Trojan Lodge, Troy, Bradford County.**—March 2, 1857.

No. 307. ***Williamson Lodge, Wommelsdorf, Berks County.**—March 2, 1857.

No. 308. ***Fort Washington Lodge, Fort Washington, Montgomery County.**—Constituted September 29, 1857.

No. 309. ***Williamson Lodge, Downingtown, Chester County.**—Constituted November 27, 1857.

No. 310. ***Warren Lodge, Perkiomen Bridge, Montgomery County.**—Constituted September 5, 1857.

No. 311. ***Mount Bethel Lodge, Williamsburg, Northampton County.**—Constituted October 11, 1857.

No. 312. ***Summit Lodge, Ebensburg, Cambria County.**—Constituted November 5, 1857.

No. 313. ***Indiana Lodge, Indiana, Indiana County.**—January 11, 1858.

No. 314. ***Clearfield Lodge, Clearfield, Clearfield County.**—January 11, 1858.

No. 315. ***Cumberland Valley Lodge, Shippensburg, Cumberland County.**—January 11, 1858.

No. 316. ***Myrtle Lodge, Franklin, Venango County.**—January 11, 1858.

No. 317. ***Ossea Lodge, Wellsboro, Tioga County.**—January 11, 1858.

No. 318. ***McKinley Lodge, Allegheny, Allegheny County.**—March 1, 1858.

No. 319. ***Adams Lodge, Bloomfield, Perry County.**—March 1, 1858.

No. 320. ***Bedford Lodge, Bedford, Bedford County.**—March 1, 1858.

No. 321. ***Hailman Lodge, East Liberty, Allegheny County.**—March 1, 1858.

No. 322. ***West Chester Lodge, West Chester, Chester County.**—March 1, 1858.

No. 323. ***Peter Williamson Lodge, Scranton, Luzerne County.**—June 7, 1858.

No. 324. ***Union Lodge, Mifflin, Juniata County.**—September 6, 1858.

No. 325. ***Barger Lodge, Stroudsburg, Monroe County.**—September 6, 1858.

No. 326. ***Lehigh Lodge, Trexlertown, Lehigh County.**—September 6, 1858.

No. 327. ***Hazle Lodge, Hazleton, Luzerne County.**—September 6, 1858.

No. 328. ***Freedom Lodge, Harford, Susquehanna County.**—September 6, 1858.

No. 329. ***Craft Lodge, Greensburg, Greene County.**—March 7, 1859.

No. 330. ***Salem Lodge, Salem, Wayne County.**—March 7, 1859.

No. 331. ***Ligonier Lodge, Ligonier, Westmoreland County.**—March 7, 1859.

No. 332. ***Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth, Luzerne County.**—March 7, 1859.

No. 333. ***Barger Lodge, Allentown, Lehigh County.**— March 7, 1859.

No. 334. ***Union Lodge, Bradford, McKean County.**—March 7, 1859.

No. 335. ***Eureka Lodge, Montoursville, Lycoming County.**—June 6, 1859.

No. 336. ***Good Samaritan Lodge, Gettysburg, Adams County.**—December 5, 1859.

No. 337. ***Henry M. Phillips Lodge, Monongahela City, Washington County.**—March 5, 1860.

No. 338. ***Great Bend Lodge, Great Bend, Susquehanna County.**—March 5, 1860.

No. 339. ***Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park, Luzerne County.**—March 5, 1860.

No. 340. ***Thomson Lodge, Garrett's Sideling, Chester County.**—June 4, 1860.

No. 341. ***Factoryville Lodge, Factoryville, Wyoming County.**—June 4, 1860.

No. 342. ***Eulalia Lodge, Coudersport, Potter County.**—March 4, 1861.

No. 343. ***Skerrett Lodge, Cochransville, Chester County.**—June 16, 1862.

No. 344. ***Milford Lodge, Milford, Pike County.**—June 24, 1862.

No. 345. ***Schiller Lodge, Scranton, Lackawanna County.**—March 7, 1864.

No. 346. ***King Solomon Lodge, Connellsville, Fayette County.**—June 6, 1864.

No. 347. ***Lake Erie Lodge, Girard, Erie County.**—June 6, 1864.

No. 348. ***Patmos Lodge, Hanover, York County.**—June 6, 1864.

No. 349. ***Catawissa Lodge, Catawissa, Columbia County.**—December 5, 1864.

No. 350. ***Bloss Lodge, Blossbury, Tioga County.**—December 5, 1864.

No. 351. ***Cowanesque Lodge, Knoxville, Tioga County.**—December 5, 1864.

No. 352. ***Lucius H. Scott, Chester, Delaware County.**—December 27, 1864.

No. 353. ***Oxford Lodge, Oxford, Chester County.**—December 27, 1864.

No. 354. ***Sylvania Lodge, Shickshinny, Luzerne County.**—March 6, 1865.

No. 355. ***Acacia Lodge, Blairsville, Indiana County.**—March 6, 1865.

No. 356.—**Ten Mile Lodge, Ten Mile Village, Washington County.**—March 6, 1865.

No. 357. ***Mahanoy City Lodge, Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County.**—June 5, 1865.

No. 358. ***Somerset Lodge, Somerset, Somerset County.**—June 5, 1865.

No. 359. ***Humboldt Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 27, 1865.

No. 360. ***Canawacta Lodge, Susquehanna Depot, Susquehanna County.**—December 27, 1865.

No. 361. ***Big Spring Lodge, Newville, Cumberland County.**—December 27, 1865.

No. 362. ***Tyrian Lodge, Erie, Erie County.**—December 27, 1865.

No. 363. ***Petrolia Lodge, Oil City, Venango County.**—December 27, 1865.

No. 364. ***Susquehanna Lodge, Millersburg, Dauphin County.**—March 19, 1866.

No. 365. ***Corry Lodge, Corry, Erie County.**—March 19, 1866.

No. 366. ***Eureka Lodge, Union Mills, Erie County.**—April 12, 1866.

No. 367. ***Teutonia Lodge, Reading, Berks County.**—April 25, 1866.

No. 368. ***Corinthian Lodge, Philadelphia.**—July 3, 1866.

No. 369. ***Williamson Lodge, Philadelphia.**—July 3, 1866.

No. 370. ***Mifflinburg Lodge, Mifflinburg, Union County.**—August 30, 1866.

No. 371. ***Lamberton Lodge, Thompsontown, Juniata County.**—October 16, 1866.

No. 372. ***Spartan Lodge, Spartansburg, Crawford County.**—October 16, 1866.

No. 373.—**Tioga Lodge, Tioga, Tioga County.**—October 16, 1866.

No. 374. ***Davage Lodge, Manchester, now Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**—October 22, 1866.

No. 375. ***Alliquippa Lodge, McKeesport, Allegheny County.**—October 22, 1866.

No. 376. ***McVeytown Lodge, McVeytown, Mifflin County.**—October 22, 1866.

No. 377. ***Huguenot Lodge, Kutztown, Berks County.**—October 22, 1866.

No. 378. ***Mt. Carmel Lodge, Mt. Carmel, Northumberland County.**—October 22, 1866.

No. 379. ***Elk Lodge, Ridgway, Elk County.**—December 19, 1866.

No. 380. ***Pennsylvania Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 17, 1866.

No. 381. ***Newport Lodge, Newport, Perry County.**—February 4, 1867.

No. 382. ***Emporium Lodge, Emporium, Cameron County.**—February 4, 1867.

No. 383. ***Goddard Lodge, Coatesville, Chester County.**—March 5, 1867.

No. 384. ***Richard Vaux Lodge, Nicetown, 25th Ward, Philadelphia County.**—March 5, 1867.

No. 385. ***Oriental Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 5, 1867.

No. 386. ***Apollo Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 5, 1867.

No. 387. ***Dushore Lodge, Dushore, Sullivan County.**—April 8, 1867.

No. 388. ***McKean Lodge, Smethport, McKean County.**—March 29, 1867.

No. 389. ***Kedron Lodge, West Middlesex, Mercer County.**—April 17, 1867.

No. 390. ***McCandless Lodge, Lawrenceville, Allegheny County.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 391. ***Moshannon Lodge, Philipsburg, Centre County.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 392. ***Perry Lodge, Erie, Erie County.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 393. ***Vaux Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 394.—**Tidioute Lodge, Tidioute, Warren County.**—June 6, 1867. Reconsidered not granted.

No. 395. ***Kingston Lodge, Kingston, Luzerne County.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 396. ***Dallas Lodge, Easton, Northampton County.**—June 6, 1867.

No. 397. ***Ivy Lodge, Williamsport, Lycoming County.**—September 5, 1867.

No. 398. ***Ashara Lodge, Marietta, Lancaster County.**—September 5, 1867.

No. 399. ***North East Lodge, North East, Erie County.**—September 5, 1867.

No. 400. ***Friendship Lodge, Jenkintown, Montgomery County.**—September 5, 1867.

No. 401. ***Watsontown Lodge, Watsontown, Northumberland County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 402. ***Perkins Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 403. ***Clarksville Lodge, Clarksville, Greene County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 404. ***Eureka Lodge, Northumberland, Northumberland County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 405. ***Howell Lodge, Waynesburg, now Brookville, Chester County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 406. ***Vaux Lodge, Hamburg, Berks County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 407. ***George Connell Lodge, Jacksonville, Greene County.**—December 27, 1867. Warrant vacated by Grand Lodge December 31, 1879.

No. 408. ***Lodge 408, Meadville, Crawford County.**—December 27, 1867.

No. 409. ***Pine Grove Lodge, Pine Grove, Schuylkill County.**—January 31, 1868.

No. 410. ***W. K. Bray Lodge, Hatboro, Montgomery County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 411. ***Meridian Lodge, Darlington, Beaver County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 412. ***Temple Lodge, Tidioute, Warren County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 413. ***Manoquesy Lodge, Bath, Northampton County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 414. ***Elysburg Lodge, Elysburg, Northumberland County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 415. ***Canton Lodge, Canton, Bradford County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 416. ***Oasis Lodge, Edinboro, Erie County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 417. ***Colerain Lodge, Kirkwood, now Christiana, Lancaster County.**— March 4, 1868.

No. 418. ***Roman Lodge, Rome, Bradford County.**—March 9, 1868.

No. 419. ***Wm. B. Schnider Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 3, 1868.

No. 420. ***Fritz Lodge, Conshohocken, Montgomery County.**—June 3, 1868.

No. 421. ***Osceola Lodge, Osceola, Tioga County.**—June 3, 1868.

No. 422.—**Lodge 422, Newtown, Greene County.**—June 3, 1868.

No. 423. ***Shrewsbury Lodge, Shrewsbury, York County.**—March 4, 1868.

No. 424. ***Adelphic Lodge, Jamestown, Mercer County.**—June 4, 1868.

No. 425. ***Waterford Lodge, Waterford, Erie County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 426. ***Cressona Lodge, Cressona, Schuylkill County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 427. ***Newtown Lodge, Newtown, Bucks County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 428. ***Smithfield Lodge, East Smithfield, Bradford County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 429. ***Harmony Lodge, Harmony, Butler County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 430. ***Stuckrath Lodge, Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 431. ***Williamson Lodge, Saltsburg, Indiana County.**—September 10, 1868.

No. 432. ***Lodge No. 432, Philadelphia.**—December 3, 1868.

No. 433. ***Lodge of the Craft, New Castle, Lawrence County.**—December 28, 1868.

No. 434. ***Lake Lodge, Brownsville, now Sandy Lake, Mercer County.**—December 28, 1868.

No. 435. ***St. John's Lodge, Reading, Berks County.**—February 10, 1869.

No. 436. ***Mozart Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 4, 1869.

No. 437. ***Apollo Lodge, Apollo, Armstrong County.**—March 4, 1859.

No. 438. ***Nicholson Lodge, Nicholson, Wyoming County.**—March 13, 1869.

No. 439. ***Clifford Lodge, Clifford, Susquehanna County.**—March 17, 1869.

No. 440. ***Slatington Lodge, Slatington, Lehigh County.**—May 28, 1869.

No. 441. ***Potter Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 442. ***Landmark Lodge, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 443. ***Mount Pisgah Lodge, Greencastle, Franklin County.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 444. ***Philo Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 445. ***Harford Lodge, Harford, Susquehanna County.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 446. ***Mount Pickering Lodge, Upper Uwchlan, Chester County.**—June 3, 1869.

No. 447. ***Claysville Lodge, Claysville, Washington County.**—August 5, 1869.

No. 448. ***Zaradatha Lodge, Sharpsburg, Allegheny County.**—September 28, 1869.

No. 449. ***Ivanhoe Lodge, Philadelphia.**—September 28, 1869.

No. 450. ***Stephen Girard Lodge, Philadelphia.**—November 19, 1869.

No. 451. ***Zeredatha Lodge, York, York County.**—November 24, 1869.

No. 452.—**Sewickley Lodge, Sewickley, Allegheny County.**—December 1, 1869. Warrant vacated.

No. 453. ***Welcome Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 1, 1869.

No. 454. ***Richard Vaux Lodge, Burgettstown, Washington County.**—December 1, 1869.

No. 455. ***Keystone Lodge, Erie, Erie County.**—December 1, 1869.

No. 456. ***Covenant Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 457. ***St. James Lodge, Beaver, Beaver County.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 458. ***Perry Lodge, Marysville, Perry County.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 459. ***Valley Lodge, Masontown, Fayette County.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 460. ***Oriental Lodge, Orangeville, Columbia County.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 461. ***Monongahela Valley Lodge, Greenfield, Washington County.**—February 4, 1870.

No. 462. ***Knapp Lodge, Berwick, Columbia County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 463. ***Shepherd Lodge, Titusville, Crawford County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 464. ***Robert Burns Lodge, Harrisburg, Dauphin County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 465. ***Hebron Lodge, York Springs, Adams County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 466. ***Kingsbury Lodge, Olyphant, Luzerne County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 467. ***Laurel Lodge, White Haven, Luzerne County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 468. ***Wyoming Lodge, Wyoming, Luzerne County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 469. ***Saucon Lodge, Coopersburg, Lehigh County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 470. ***Palestine Lodge, Falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 471. ***Le Rays Lodge, Le Raysville, Bradford County.**—March 2, 1870.

No. 472. ***Mount Hermon Lodge, Mount Pleasant, Wayne County.**—December 27, 1869.

No. 473. ***Covenant Lodge, Cambridge, Crawford County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 474. ***Coalville Lodge, Coalville, now Ashley, Luzerne County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 475. ***Kennett Lodge, Kennett Square, Chester County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 476. ***Lamberton Lodge, Lancaster, Lancaster County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 477. ***Westfield Lodge, Westfield, Tioga County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 478. ***Beaver Valley Lodge, Beaver Falls, Beaver County.**—June 1, 1870.

No. 479. ***Union Lodge, Morgantown, Berks County.**—September 7, 1870.

No. 480. ***Noble Lodge, New Washington, Clearfield County.**—September 7, 1870. Warrant vacated December 3, 1879.

No. 481. ***St. Paul's Lodge, Philadelphia.**—September 7, 1870.

No. 482. ***Athelstan Lodge, Philadelphia.**—September 7, 1870.

No. 483. ***Knapp, now Fraternal Lodge, Rouseville, Venango County.**—December 7, 1870.

No. 484. ***Pittsburgh Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—December 7, 1870.

No. 485. ***Glasgow Lodge, Smith's Ferry, Beaver County.**—December 7, 1870.

No. 486. ***Prince Edwin Lodge, Middletown, Dauphin County.**—December 27, 1870.

No. 487. ***Robert A. Lamberton Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 27, 1870.

No. 488. ***Independence Lodge, Independence, Washington County.**—February 2, 1871.

No. 489. ***Lodge No. 489, Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**—March 1, 1871.

No. 490. ***Logan Lodge, Altoona, Blair County.**—March 1, 1871.

No. 491. ***Excelsior Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 10, 1871.

No. 492. ***Milroy Lodge, Milroy, Mifflin County.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 493. ***Crescent Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 494. ***Tyrone Lodge, Tyrone, Blair County.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 495. ***Renovo Lodge, Renovo, Clinton County.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 496. ***Charles M. Howell Lodge, Safe Harbor, Lancaster County.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 497.—**Marion Lodge, Waynesburg, Greene County.**—June 7, 1871.

No. 498. ***Pine Lodge, Linesville, Crawford County.**—September 6, 1871.

No. 499. ***Valley Lodge, West Pittston, Luzerne County.**—September 6, 1871.

No. 500. ***Wm. C. Hamilton Lodge, Philadelphia.**—September 6, 1871.

No. 501. ***Pleasantville Lodge, Pleasantville, Venango County.**—September 6, 1871.

No. 502. ***Pollock Lodge, Tarentum, Allegheny County.**—December 7, 1871.

No. 503. ***Riverside Lodge, Wrightsville, York County.**—December 26, 1871.

No. 504. ***Moscow Lodge, Moscow, Luzerne County.**—December 26, 1871.

No. 505. ***Liberty Lodge, Port Allegheny, McKean County.**—December 26, 1871.

No. 506. ***Jerusalem Lodge, Frankford, Philadelphia County.**—March 6, 1872.

No. 507. ***New Milford Lodge, New Milford, Susquehanna County.**—March 6, 1872.

No. 508. ***Dallas Lodge, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 509. ***Germania Lodge, Birmingham, Allegheny County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 510. ***Braddock's Field Lodge, Braddock's Field, Allegheny County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 511. ***Shenandoah Lodge, Shenandoah, Schuylkill County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 512. ***Quakertown Lodge, Quakertown, Bucks County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 513. ***Guyasuta Lodge, Temperanceville, Allegheny County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 514. ***Eureka Lodge, Spring Hill, now Stephen White's Mills, Greene County.**—June 5, 1872.

No. 515. ***Osceola Lodge, Osceola, Clearfield County.**—September 4, 1872.

No. 516. ***Mahoning Lodge, Danville, Montour County.**—September 4, 1872.

No. 517. ***Sharpsville Lodge, Sharpsville, Mercer County.**—September 4, 1872.

No. 518. ***Westmoreland Lodge, Greensburg, Westmoreland County.**—December 4, 1872.

No. 519. ***Gothic Lodge, Philadelphia.**—June 4, 1873.

No. 520. ***Canby Lodge, Saint Petersburg, Clarion County.**—June 4, 1873.

No. 521. ***Parker City Lodge, Parker City, Armstrong County.**—June 4, 1873.

No. 522. ***New Bethlehem Lodge, New Bethlehem, Clarion County.**—June 4, 1873.

No. 523. ***Aurora Lodge, Gibsonburg, now Jermyn, Luzerne County.**—September 3, 1873.

No. 524. ***Everett Lodge, Everett Borough, Bedford County.**—September 3, 1873.

No. 525. ***Ionic Lodge, Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**—September 3, 1873.

No. 526. ***Stephen Bayard Lodge, Elizabeth, Allegheny County.**—September 3, 1873.

No. 527. ***Philates Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 27, 1873.

No. 528. ***Mount Horeb Lodge, Philadelphia.**—December 3, 1873.

No. 529. ***St. Alban Lodge, Philadelphia.**—March 4, 1874.

No. 530. ***Bellevue Lodge, Bellevue, Allegheny County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 531. ***Geo. M. Dallas Lodge, Dallas, Luzerne County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 532. ***Driftwood Lodge, Driftwood, Cameron County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 533. ***Wattsburg Lodge, Wattsburg, Erie County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 534. ***John W. Jenks Lodge, Punxsutawney, Jefferson County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 535. ***Oakland Lodge, Oakland, Allegheny County.**—December 2, 1874.

No. 536. ***John M. Read Lodge, Reynoldsville, Jefferson County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 537. ***Old Fort Lodge, Centre Hall, Centre County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 538. ***Johnstown Lodge, Johnstown, Cambria County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 539. ***Woodbury Lodge, Woodbury, Bedford County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 540. ***Argyle Lodge, Petrolia, Butler County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 541. ***Nanticoke Lodge, Nanticoke, Luzerne County.**—June 14, 1875.

No. 542. ***Waymart Lodge, Waymart, Wayne County.**—September 1, 1875.

No. 543. ***Fernwood Lodge, Fernwood, Delaware County.**—December 1, 1875.

No. 544. ***Centennial Lodge, Mansfield, Allegheny County.**—December 1, 1875.

No. 545. ***New London Lodge, New London, Chester County.**—March 1, 1876.

No. 546. ***Duquesne Lodge, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**—June 7, 1876.

No. 547. ***Stillwater Lodge, Sugar Grove, Warren County.**—June 7, 1876.

No. 548. ***Lodge No. 548, Verona, Allegheny County.**—December 6, 1876.

No. 549. ***Reading Lodge, Reading, Berks County.**—December 6, 1876.

No. 550. ***Edenburg Lodge, Edenburg, Clarion County.**—January 31, 1877.

No. 551. ***Casiphia Lodge, Mount Joy, Lancaster County.**—June 6, 1877.

No. 552. ***Allegheny Valley Lodge, Emlenton, Venango County.**—December 6, 1877.

No. 553. ***Spring City Lodge, Spring City, Chester County.**—December 27, 1877.

No. 554. ***Meyersdale Lodge, Meyersdale, Somerset County.**—March 5, 1879.

No. 555. ***Northern Star Lodge, Duke Centre, McKean County.**—December 27, 1879.